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No. 11.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE,
FEB^RY^. 26, 1703.

TO THE HON^BLE^: [DIRECK] COMANS
DIRECTORE OF [THE] COAST OF CHOROMANDELL
[AND] GOVERN^R^: OF NEGAP[ATAM] FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA
COMPANY &C^A^: COUNCILL OF NEGAPATAM.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Wee Recd y^e^. Hon^r^: of yours of y^e^. [. .] Ins^t^. till when wee were very Doubtfull whither you [had] Recd our former Letter, wch. was written in English by reason wee were Assured y^t^. there was some Gentleman w^th^: you y^t^. understood it well, but since your Hon^r^. [orders] otherwise wee shall for y^e^. Future Annex a Transla[te] thereof in Portuguez as wee doe here of our Former & [. . .] Letter, Desireing y^t^. you would be pleased to Doe y^e^. Same, [. . .] not being one of our People y^t^. Understands Dutch so as to Translate itt.

Wee Observe y^e^. news by your Mallacca [Ship] y^t^. the Warr was Proclaimed 15th of May last past [It] seems very Strange y^t^. none of your Letters should mention y^e^. Death of King William of wch. wee had advised your [. . .] Ship of [. . .] arrived here y^e^. 23d of Sepr. before wch. your ship from Batavia bound to Pollicat, & had been at your Port called here & advised us Thereof wch. is y^e^. True Reason wee ourselves Did not write your Hon. &c^a^. y^e^. ꝑticulars of itt, & wee know [that he] had some time before a fall from his Horse, wch. is [. . .] hastened [. . . . . .] Nature being so [. . .] in him.

[. . . .] expecting Advises by Sea & Land wch. wee will be [. . . .] to you so soon as they arrive wee wish your [Honour's] health & Prosperity, & that wee may hear good News [. . .].

Wee are
Honble. [S^r^.] &c^a^.
Y^r^. Most Faithfull freinds
& humble Servants

THO: PITT.
FRA: ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THO: MARSHALL.
JN^O^: MEVERELL.

No. 12.

FOR^{T}. S^{T}. GEORGE,
MAR. 18th 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

TO M^{r}. STEPHEN FREWEN
CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{RS}.

Our last to you was Dated y^{e}. Seven[th] [of] past month, Since wch. wee have Perused the [Goods] you sent on y^{e}. Phoenix & find y^{m}. come out but very Ind[ifferent] and as Dear as ever which wee Resolve now [no re]medy or Desist makeing Further Investments [and] Considerable Abatements, by that Ship wee [dispatch^{d}.] of your Books &c^{a}. as ℔ List Inclosed.

The Merchants cant but [*a few words lost*] Company theire Disa [. . .] of thei[r Goods] Therefore you ought to sort them hard, & make [. . .] some Allowance for the same & abate [. . .] them att least [. . .] ℔Cent on y^{e}. Ten Corge of Gullconda [h] Bettelaes.

M^{r}. Peirson has given us very good reason for your sending him up for y^{t}. you knew not w^{t}. to Do wth. him of wh[ose appoin]tment you had done well to have advised us.

Wee Recd yours of y^{e}. 23d past & with it as you call it y^{e}. Paymasters & Stewards Accounts, in wch. Letter you acquaint us you have made up accounts wth. your Merchants & paid them y^{e}. ballance in which you are very Quick so now who must make y^{e}. Company Satisfaction for y^{e}. Disapointment of Two Thousand five hundred Pag^{s}. of Chay Goods for y^{e}. Jan^{ry}. Ship, & you say to secure w^{t}. Chay goods they have since brought in, & that they might not Carry them to the New Company they have advanced Fifteen hundred Pag^{s}. on that Account, Wee wonder how you durst presume to doe it without haveing Recd any orders from hence, for on y^{e}. 9th Jan^{ry}. you write to know what you should Doe in that Matter & y^{e}. 23d you advise you have done it of your selves & give such Frivilous Reasons for it y^{t}. none elce but our Present Chiefe could be guilty of.

Wee would have you procure y^{e}. Timbers & Plancke wee wrote you for agai[n]st Next season (w^{t}. you have not sent us by Boat) & youll gett it as soon as Possible to Metchlepatam for to come by the Sepr. ship if any calls on you.

Wee shall send you by First Conveighance w^{t}. wee have Filled for Presents.

MARCH 28TH

The foregoeing was Intended by Ketch Abednigoe but she not meeting with an encourageing Freight for your Port went Directly for Bengall, since which wee have Recd y^{rs}. of y^{e}. 4th & 24th of [. .] & observe y^{e}. Former is signed Onely by M^{r}. Frewen [. . .] whereas Messrs. Harrison were to continue [. . .] as long as theire & so likewise on theire Returne as allso theire Imploys who wee Doubt will hardly have an oppertunity to come hither till Sepr. Next.

Wee shall [give] no farther Answer to that Buisness of the Du[store but] shall Forthwith charge it to your Account [if not] speedily recoverd.

Wee are sorry y^{e}. Gentlemen & soldiers mett wth. so great a Fateigue in the Boat & with Disapointment of theire not comeing hither, wee observe theire Provissions proved not so good as expected wch. may be Imputed as much to theire Fault as any Elce whereas they Themselves Should have Looked after the Putting of it up. Wee think they Did not Amiss in returning when theire Provissions were expended & y^{e}. winds Contrary.

Wee here Inclose an Account of what Boats of Wood recd, for which M^{r}. Frewens to be reinbursed out of the Companys Cash.

Wee here Send you on the Charles & Betty Sloop severall things for Presents as allsoe Factors Provissions wch. wee order you Immediately to take ashoare & Dispatch her immediately for Bengall detaining her upon no Acco^{tt}. Whatever.

Yesterday wee Recd yours of the 20th Ins^{t}. Adviseing how Heroically M^{r}. Pitt had garded Woolston of y^{e}. shoare wth. w^{t}. Opposition you made Thereunto

wch. Tends very much to y^{e}. Demunition of Our Masters Honour & Intrest as severall other of your Actions of late has Done, Your frivilous Pretences wch. is for that you had Nothing for Presents When y^{t}. you know Nothing w^{t}. these People are Prefarable to Pag^{s}. wch. you cant want unless you have paid y^{m}. away on as light Occasions as Formerly, the Presid^{t}. has wrote a Letter to the Govern^{r}. of Metchlepatam wch. wee order you to send by your Chiefe Dubash Translate of wch. comes Inclosed comes our Acco^{ts}. Curr^{tt}. [. . .] from our Books [*a few words lost*] Commenceing from Aprill 1703 ending May 1703 wch. are sent in Order to Adjusting Accounts between your Place & ours.

The more wee think of the Insolent Action of M^{r}. Jno. Pitt the more wee resent it & charge you & all belonging to our Company to have no manners of Corres[pondence] or Commerce with any of the new Comp^{as}. People [on] the Penalty of being expelld the Companys Servis & [treated] as Enimies to theire Intrest, The same orders shall be putt at the Sea Gate tomorrow morning

Wee are
S^{rs}.
Y^{r}. Affectionate Friends
THO : PITT.
FRA : ELLIS.
THO : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THO : MARSHALL.
JN^{O}: MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQ^{T} : ℘ CHARLES AND BETTY

TO METCHLEPATAM.

N°. 1 Fort S^{t}. Georges Generall Letter Dated y^{e}. 18th & 28th Mar. 1703.
2 D^{o}. Journall ℘ cells & Acco^{tt}: Curr^{tt}: wth: your Factory taken from our Books T. T. U. U.
3 Invoice of Sundrys Laden for Metchlepatam on the Charles & Betty Sloop.
4 Bill of Loading For D^{o}.
5 The Presid^{ts}. Letter to y^{e}. Govr: of Metchlepatam.
6 Translate of Ditto.

No. 13.

[FORT ST. GEORGE . . .]

TO THO : HARRIS
MASTER OF THE CHARLES & BETTY SLOOP

Upon R[eturne] hereof you are hereby order'd to repaire on Bo[ard] [. . .] Sloop & wth: y^{e}. first opertunity of wind & weather permitting to bend your Course for y^{e}. speedy Attaining of the Port of Metchlepatam where you are to Send ashoare our Pacquett to M^{r}. Stephen Frewen Chiefe &c^{a}: Councill, & what is Order'd hence for y^{t}. part & not to stirr out of your Vessell upon no Account whatever, which you are to Doe wth : all speed then to Proceed to Bengall where when Arrived you are to Follow the Orders of the Honble: John Beard Esqr. for your future Disposall, speak with no saile att Sea & keep your Vessell Allways in a good Posture of Defence to Prevaile surprize, Wee wish you a Good Voyage & Date these in Fort S^{t}. George y^{e}. primo May 1703.

THOM^{S}: PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOM^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JN^{O}: MEVERELL.

No. 14.

To MR. SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEFE &COA: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

SRS.

Wee haveing on ye. 13th past Dispatched the Phenix for England who [. . . . .] in 1035 bales her Invoice Amounting to 110405 : 22 : 5 wee are now att leisure to Answer your Letter of ye. 30th December & primo Janry. Your bill for Two Thousand Pagodas Payable to ye. Presidt: is Complied with. And wee cant but observe what you write in yt. short Letter of ye. Ulto. December Acquainting us yt. ye. Phenix had called upon you but you had no bales then ready from which wee Infer that either you had Goods due from your merchants or some in your Godongs which you had time Enough to Provide since you sent us Those on Ketch St. George so yt. for ye. Future yt. wee may better understand wt. goods you have by you in whatsoever Condition, Browne or white wee order yt. you send us a monthly Account of ye. Same & lett it be no more Neglected. It is no more strange then True yt. those peices wee Advised you of were wanting in the Bales & to prevent any mistakes here they were not onely told over Severall Times by ye. Conocoplys but ye. Compas. Factors so yt. whoever Packt them must be Accountable to the Company for the Amount Thereof.

Wee shall Creditt you for ye. Twenty Rupees you paid the Silk winders.

Wee Desire you Forthwith on receipt of this to send us Coppies of your Books S. & T., Mr. Cranwell Mr. Morton & Mr. Horden haveing leisure time enough to doe ye. same, & yt. youll Peruse the Journall Parcells from our Accomptant & settle the same.

If your Country Continues quiett wee would have you sett your Merchts. att work to bring in theire Proportion of Longcloth & Sallumpores so as they may Answer to the great quantity of Bettelaes allready sent us wch. must be at the same Prizes you agreed on in these Contracts otherwise the Company have a Trick upon them, & when your Merchants have Complied wee then sha[ll] order you to make an Investment in Longcloth and Sallumpores alone wch. we hope youll by as Cheap as the Country can Afford them & to enable you to Doe ye. same wee will speedily send you money waiting onely the Arrivall of the Chambers Friggott wch. if not very soon wee will make other Provission for you, Your place at Present is a Dead Charge to ye. Company which if not to be Remedyed by Advantageous Investments it is theire Intrest yt. it should be withdrawne.

The sum wee shall speedily send you will be about Five Thousand Pagodaes to commence an Investment of Fifteen Thousand but then you must Remember yt. out of this Investment must be deducted the Proportion of Longcloth & Sallumpores Owing from your Merchants att ye. Prizes then agreed on in those Contracts haveing allready Recd theire Bettelaes & the Remainder must be at the Currant prizes of the Countrey without Bettelaes & ye. aforementioned Investment is to be Compleated for the Sepr. Ship against when wee hope youll Provide a good quantity of Bales.

Wee shall send you by the Humphry & Charles or first good Conveighance a Proportion of what wee have by us for Presents as allso Factors Provissions.

The Mary Smack Arrived lately from Bengall whither wee have Returned her and order'd her in her way thither to call at Your Port on whom wee have Loaden a Chest of Treasure severall for Presents Factors Provissions as ℘ Invoise inclosed Amounting to 5435 : 20 : 4 which wee order Immediately to be Landed and the Vessell Dispatched for Bengall & not detained upon any pretence whatever for fear of the Approaching Munsoon.

Inclosed comes our Acctt. Currtt. and Journall ℘cells Taken from our Books TT UU Commencing 29th Sepr. 1700 concludeing April 1701 which are sent in order to adjusting Accounts between your place & ours, In the Chest of Treasure

Laden on this Smack Mr. Thomas Wright has sent Three hundred Pags. for Acco^tt^. of Mr. Stables which pray see it deliverd him. Wee are

Srs.

Yr. Affectionate Friends.

THOs : PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOs : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.—Wee have orderd ye. Master of this Vessell not to Stirr out of her on no Account whatever so that you must send some body off for the Treasure.

LIST OF THE MARY SMACKS PACQUETT TO VIZAGAPATAM.

No. 1. Fort St. Georges Generall Letter dated ye. 28th. Mar : 1702.
2. Invoice of the Mary Smack to Vizagapatam.
3. Bill of Loading of Ditto.
4. Fort St. George Journall parcells and Accot. Currtt. with your Factory Taken out of the Books TT UU.
5. List of Freight goods on the Mary Smack.

No. 15.

TO THE HONBLE. JNo. BEARD ESQR.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE.
EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL & GOVR. OF
FORT WILLIAM &cA. COUNCILL.

SRS.

Our last to you was The 26th. of Janry. ℘ Ketch Abednigoe coppy which comes inclosed since wch. wee have Recd Yours of ye. 15th & 18th past Month by Mary Smack & Charles & Betty wth. all papers according to List except that of the price ot Gold wch. Omission is supplyed in your Postcript in yours of the 15th.

Wee Observe what you write about ye. Dispatch of the Colchester & how yt. by the delayes of Cojah Surhaud she departed without signeing Bills of Loading or carrying his Letters wch. must of Necessity occasion great Confusion in Delivering her Goods in Persia or Bussera by wch. means many disputes will arrive at her returne.

Your husboulhowcom for liberty of Trade has been Long expected & find it is to same Purport of that sent us from Surratt they will Certainly extort money from you before you have the bennifitt of it & then God knows how long you may Enjoy it, For yt. they of Surratt write they expect fresh Troubles upon the First Pyrasy Committed wch. may be Reasonable expected since there is still some of Those Rogues in being.

Wee Perceive you have Laden a good Cargoe for the Wentworth wch. wee wish may arrive in Safety.

These two Vessells bringing up baile goods as before mentioned was no small surprize to us Since wee Did not write to you for any unless you had Returnd us both the Colchester & Phenix when wee Desired your Assistance & for the reason you your selves give you could not Immagine that wee wanted them nor yt. the Loss of ye. Norris was any Advantage in regard to our Investments here whose Stock was to be Invested in Metchlepatam Goods but what has to streighten us for goods here has been the Troubles of the Country & great Investments made by Dutch & French more ℘ticulerly the Former, and we cannot infer any thing less from your sending These Bales but your desire of Investing our stock which is not agreable to wt. orders Recd from ye. Company wch. wee advised in our Former Letters for was ye. Chamber Friggott arrived now from China wee have more then is Suffitient of our owne Bales to Lade her, Tho ; at this Time shall not Venture to Dispatch any ship so unseasonable as to Obliege themselves to goe to Mauratius by wch. she would run no small risque so

that were it not for the Approaching Munsoon wee would have Returned you your bales wch. now must lye here to Fill up any Ship Consigned you next year for which you may chance to want Stock or Goods for ye. Same.

Wee Recd by neither of these Vessells any Goats or Geese nor doe wee desire you to send any more for whither they are bad when putt on Board or abused in ye: Voyage wee Cannot tell but they come in a misserable Condition here & few or none of them lives Long after their comeing hither.

You write that you have sent ye: Charles & Betty Sloop to remain wth. us but have Omitted to put her in your Invoice the Reason of which wee guess att if she had those good qualifications ye. Company expected wee should have writt you for her as they directed us but being Truely Informed that she would neither hite nor hee nor bear Saile nor had any one qualification to render her Servisable to us wee here return her to you again & Thank you for the Favour you intended us.

Wee have Continued the Red Lead on board the Mary Smack & here send you an Account of what wee have supplied the sloops with here & have orderd the Mary to call att Vizagapatam to putt a shoar Some Treasure & Goods & ye: Charles & Betty to doe the same att Metchlepatam both which wee hope will arrive you in safety.

Wee have not one Rupee by us nor Allumgeer Pagodaes for yt: wee are very low in Cash & owe a great deall of money to ye. Merchants att Fort St. David wch. wee shall speedily pay off by ye. sale of our Silver nor have wee any Copper but what was long since disposed of to Merchants here, the price of which you never advised us.

Wee wrote you in our last wt. Saltpetre was remaining here & when the Chamber Friggott arrives shall dispatch her to you to be Loaden with Saltpetre & returned to us in August intending that she shall be the Sepr. Ship when she can goe directly to the Cape to Join the Dutch ships there bound for Europe.

After ye. Perusall of Mr. Trenchfields Accounts now sent us wee shall do what wee can to settle itt with his Trustees wch. had been much better had it been done many Years Agoe.

John Baily whom you sent on the Smack is under Armes here who shall serve out his time agreed with ye. Company, tis said he occasioned no small disturbance on Board the Wentworth for which wee will have a watchfull Eye over him here.

Herewith comes a List of Freight goods sent on These Sloops.

The 28th Inst: wee Recd Letters from Metchlepatam adviseing of an herohick action of Mr. Jno. Pitts ye. new Companys Consull, upon the Presidts. first comeing hither, he brought Instructions from ye. Company to use all means to make an Investment in Metchlepatam Goods whither by Imploying Armenians or other-wayes but being willing rather to Trust our owne Countrymen twas offer'd to any of the Companys Servants that would goe to Metchlepatam where they should have 5 ℔ Cent Commission on what they Invested but accepting Thereof but Mr. Lovell & wee being willing to Join another with him Mr. Samll. Woolston was recommended who came from England with the Presidt: who was Perticuler kind to him in his Passage hither, After they both went hence to Metchlepatam they behaved themselves Tolerable well till ye: new Companys Butufusys Arrived there who soon after Reduced them to theire Intrest & betrayed all ye: Companys affairs to them, discovering wch. wee sent for Mr. Lovell to call him to Account for severall mismanigments who when arrived Throughed all upon Woollston so to be Throughly Informed of all matters wee had to lay to there Charge wee sent for Mr. Woollston who Immediately quitted our Servis & shelterd himself under the Pretended Consull where he was Imployed till they found him no Faithfuller to them then he had been to us will he was allso expected but still Continued his pratution to him Notwithstanding our demanding him and with Applications to ye. Government & watching Oppertunitys to seize him which he prevented by keeping in his house all wch. ye. Company was Advised off who answer'd in theire last Letters they doubted not but there would be an order to Mr. Pitt for his Delivering him to us Coppy of which Paragraph

comes inclosed but whither hearing or fearing such an order comeing to him he After a most Impudent & Audatious manner and in derogation to our Masters orders & Intrest he putt him on board a Vessell bound for Bengall as ℔ Coppy of Mr. Frewens Letter inclosed to wch: wee Refer you.

Wee acquaint you with this in hopes you may have an oppertunity of Seizing him in Bengall which wee desire you if Possible to Effect though att some Charge & send him up hither by the First Oppertunity for he & Mr. Lovell has had the Investing of Upwards of Fifty Thousand Pagodaes of wch: they have given no satisfactory acct: besides Woollston after Lovell came away opened severall of ye: Companys bales & disposed of Sundry Necessarys belonging to the Factory & have not brought the Dustore to the Companys Account Notwithstanding they were orderd strictly to doe ye. same They likewise betrayed the Companys Secretts in every Respect & not onely assi[s]ted them with Books & Musters but brought in severall of their Goods under our Dusticks. We are

Srs.
Yr. humble Servants

Fort St. George
29 March 1703.

Thoms: Pitt.
Fran: Ellis.
Thoms: Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Thoms. Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of the Pacquett to Bengall ℔ Mary Smack.

No. 1 Fort St. George Generall to Bengall Dated 29th. Mar. 1703.
2 Coppy of Dittoes to Bengall dated 26th Janry. 170⅔.
3 Invoice of the Mary Smack to Bengall.
4 Bill of Loading of Ditto.
5 Account of wt. supplyed the Sloops here.
6 List of Freight Goods on ye. Sloops.
7 Coppy of Metchlepatam Genll. Letter to Fort St. George Dated March—
8 Do. of Chiefe & Councill of Metchlepatam protest to Matthew Waller.
9 Do. of a Paragraph of ye. Companys Generall to Fort St. George dated [*lacuna*] ℔ Colchester.

No. 16.

To William Adams
Commandr. of the Mary Smack.

Upon Receipt hereof you are hereby Orderd to repair on board your Smack & wth. the first oppertunity of wind & weather permitting to bend your Course for ye. speedy Attaining of ye. Port of Vizagapatam where you are to send ashoare our Pacquett to Mr. Simon Holcombe &ca: Councill & wt: Treasure &ca : orderd hence for that Port wch. you are to doe wth : all speed & not to stirr out of your Vessell on no account whatever, & then to proceed for Bengall where when arrived you are to Deliver our Pacquett as directed to ye. Honble : John Beard Esqr : &ca: Councill and Follow there orders for your Future disposall, Speak with no sayle att Sea & keep your Vessell allwayes in a good posture of defence to prevent surprize Wee wish you a good Voyage & Date these in Fort St. George ye. primo Aprll : 1703.

Thoms : Pitt.
Fran : Ellis.
Thoms: Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
Jno : Meverell.

No. 17.

To Gabriell Roberts Esqr.

Deputy Govern^{r} : &C^{a} : Councill att Fort S^{t} : David

S^{rs}.

Our Last to you was Dated y^{e}. 18th past month since wch. have Recd Yours of the 4th Ins^{t}.

Gunner Attkinson has Recd the wages for y^{e}. two Europe men & Lascars on board the Expedition & Doubtless has or will Remitt it them, if the Sloop Expedition will be ready to come hither in a months Time or thereabouts you may keep y^{e}. Lascars Otherwise send them ℔ first Oppertunity for y^{t}. they belong to our Gunroome w^{ch} : is what wee Forgott to write in our Former Letters.

Wee have wrote you Fully y^{e}. Condition of your cloth as to their last Investment and if you find it so difficult as you represent to sort to any other Number then the first wee would have you for y^{e}. Future make Musters for y^{e}. other Numbers wch. will in a great measure direct your Judgment & may Contribute to a better sortment wee never Complained of many Numbers in M^{r} : Frasers time but Thought it rediculous to sort Cloth so Nicely as to make Ten & Twelve fan^{s} ℔ Cent in a Corge.

Wee fear y^{e}. Chamber Friggott will not be here so soon as expected so shall make some other Provission for money to Supply your Merchants of which wee'l speedily advise & wee cant but wonder your Merchants should be so Clamarous for what Remains when they have been so plentifully supplyed and that they are sure of good Payment the short Delays of which wee are not any ways Jealous will be Prejuditiall to a Future Investment on which wee expect Considerable abatements in y^{e}. Prises.

Wee have perused the List of our Merch^{ts}. Cloth who tells us there will be speedily more Longcloth brought in & for what you Dye for the Future wee would have it of the Deepest Colour being According to the Companys Orders.

In our Instructions to the now Dep^{ty} : Govr : & Council wee orderd that your monthly expences should be duly Remitted hither wch. has not been Complied with to this day nor is there any Account sent us of w^{t}. goods Landed out of the Loyall Cooke wth. theire Value & what Amount comes to the Company Thereon as allso whither what was overpaid Account their Commission be made Good in theire Cash ; all wch. advise us Fully in your Next y^{t}. wee may send the Company such Accounts Thereof as they expect & have orderd.

The Govr: Acquaints us y^{t}. you have [bo^{t}.] sheating boards so y^{t}. wee hope the Sloop Expedition [will] be speedily dispatcht to us of which advise us & wee [will] order the Companys bales to be Loaded on her.

Wee shall send you w^{t}. stores wee can spare by the first Oppertunity, but for Culverine Ordnance wee have none which you must take from [the] places you have least occasion for att Fort S^{t}. David th[ere] being more then what Necessary.

All goods landed here must Pay y^{e}. Custome & if afterwards Shipt off for your place must pay the Certificate which should wee any wayes allter would make Confusion & not be any advantage to the Company nor your Port from whence Goods are very often Shipt off for this place.

Tis most Certain Englands a principal in the Warr with the Emperour & Dutch against France & Spaine which is Confirmed to us by Letters the Govern^{r}. has Recd from Aleppo & Spauhawne Coppys of wch. he has sent to your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. so that 'Tis very Necessary you keep your Garrison in y^{e}. best posture of Defence your Circumstances will Afford Butt for Europe men wee have but very few here so that can spare none.

The Prize Curr^{tt}. you sent us of China Goods not any wayes incourageing so shall send no orders for the unloading any att your Port.

The Silk Manufacture wee desire may have all the Encouragement Immaginable & that youll from time to time advise us what Progress you make Therein. M^{r}. Haynes wee understand is willing to take some of the silk wormes under his care and Management provided he may have two or three Necauds att the

Companys Charge to instruct his people & that what silk he makes will sell the Company att the Markett Price, wee think his Proposall will very much Contribute Towards propogateing y^e. Manufacture & order y^t. you Accept Thereof.

Twill be some time before wee have occasion for your Bales though Desire youll hasten y^e. makeing up of what Number you can & lye in a readiness for the first Companys ship that shall call att your Port.

The Insolences of the Junkaneers att Bomipollum must be kept & if they have not released our Peons wee approve of the Method you propose of doeing yourselves right.

Wee have had a quantity of wood layn ready some time att Bomypollum for want of Conveighance hither but now Rice being Cheap or not worth while to Freight Boates thither ℘haps you may gett them to take on that Wood wch. wee very much want here.

Wee would desire you to make some end or other of Narran Reddes buisness your defering of which is a Prejudice to the Companys Affairs att Nellore where he is Governour.

The Mallacca Ship that had Plancke[s] & Timbers is arrived att S^t. Thoma who wee hear has Furnished you wee desire to know what quantity of each you have bought with the Prises & whither you have any to spare us.

In a boat who goes hence to-morrow wee will send you some sheathing Nailes &c^a. & Packing stuff by the first oppertunity. Wee are

S^rs.

Yo^r. Affectionate Friends & humble Serv^ts.

THOM^s: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THOM^s: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.—Inclosed comes a Commission for Ensigne William Owen which pray see it be deliverd him.

[FORT. ST. GEORGE,
MARCH 29,1703.]

No. 18.

TO THE WORP^LL: GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERN^R. &C^A. COUNCILL OF FORT S^T. DAVID.

S^RS.

Wee have sent you by this boat Maduparrum Chinande Tandell bound for your Port Sheathing Nailes and Packing Stuff According to Invoise inclosed amounting to Pagodaes . . . We are

S^rs.

Y^r. humble Servant
By Order of the Govern^r. & Councill
HEN: DAVENPORT SEC^RY.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
MAR: 30TH. 1703.

No. 19.

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERN^R. &C^A. COUNCILL OF FORT S^T. DAVID.

S^RS.

Our last was on y^e. 29th. past since which wee have Recd none from you & wheras you have wrotte in your Generall & private Letters y^t. your Merchants make heavy Complaints for money wth. which wee Did hope to a been

supplied by y^e^. Arrivall of the Chamber Friggott from China but Faileing thereof wee have sold the Companys silver so that in a little time wee hope to be in a Condition to pay them theire Ballance though just at this Time our Cash is very Low yett Nevertheless you may on the arrivall of this charge on us a Bill payable to your Merchants at six dayes sight for Ten Thousand Pag^s^. Curr^tt^. money of Madrass & y^e^. Presid^t^. acquainting us y^t^. your Merchants owe him a Considerable summ of money the Payment whereof has been deferd for sometime by means of our not being able to Supply you which money you may draw on us & Charge your Merchants Therewith & wee will make it good to y^e^. Presid^t^. here.

Wee are

S^rs^.

Your Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
APR : 10TH 1703.

THOM^s^ : PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOM^s^ : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^s^ : MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 20.

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOV^R^. &C^A^. COUNCILL OF FORT S^t^. DAVID.

S^RS^.

Our last to you was y^e^. 29th. past since which wee were Advised that y^e^. Nabob with his Camp were Returned to Arcott & y^t^. he intended for the Southward of which there is Various Reports & this day it is confirmed to us y^t^. he is Actually gone to the Southward you (*sic*) have often cautioned you to be on your Guards & have no Reason to Doubt but you are so if he should chance to come your way & make demands of any Nature you may delay giveing answer Thereto saying you are subordinate to this Place.

In regard the Chamber Friggott is not arrived wee would have you embrace y^e^. first safe Conveighance of sending hither w^t^. bales of the Companys you have Ready by you & if that should be any other ship then the Companys wee would have you reserve as many Bales as will Freight hither the Expedition Sloop wee hope after this full Moon theres no danger from the Munsoon of which you must be Cautious & watch a fair Slatch of weather wee are.

S^rs^.

Y^r^. Affectionate friends
& humble Servants

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
APRILL THE 20TH 1703.

THOM^s^ : PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOM^s^ : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM : MARSHAL.
JN^o^ : MEVERELL.

No. 21.

To Mr. Stephen Frewen
Chiefe &ca. Councill att Metchlepatam.

Srs.

Our last to you was the 18th and 28th of March by Sloope Charles & Betty who sailed hence the 2d Inst. on whom wee sent you severall things for Presents but Doubt very much whither she's arrived wth. you haveing no Advises of the same, Coppy of which Letter & Invoise comes inclosed.

On 18th Inst: wee Recd yours of the 7th Ditto adviseing about the Wreck of the Norris which wee all take to be a Flam & probable enough it is given out for the Reasons you mentioned for how should a Wreck wth. that Prodigious weight in her Bottom as she had driven 50 Leagues to ye. Southward when att that Time she Sunk ye. Currtt. sett to ye. Northward.

Wee hear Mr. Frewen had Conference with Mr. John Pitt & some Notice past between them just before that Buisness happened about Woollston the purport of all which ought to a been lain before us to enabled us the better to have Judged thereof & likewise that wee make a due representation of it to the Company & lett it be signed by Mr. Frewen & Mr. Faucett who wee hear were the Managers & Spectators Thereof & wee allso in your next Letter order they would give theire Reasons for excludeing the Three Gentlemen of Councill before they left the Shoar & refused the Receiveing of them into Councill after their Returne Notwithstanding the Presidt. hinted to them their Error Therein a ℘ticuler Letter which he Imparted to us to which you ought to heed have Regard before your Single or joynt Opinions it not Contradicting a Generall Letter & you know ye. reasons for sending for those Gentlemen wch. was not for theire misbehaviour or any thing that could be construed to their Prejudice.

Wee would have you use your endeavour to provide the Timber & Plancke formerly orderd and the best Firewood when the season presents to ye. amount of Ten hundred Thousand Sticks.

If the Merchants will abate Considerable on their Chay goods wee shall think on an Investment otherways shall Desist & with your next be sure to send an exact Account of what Goods in your Godongs Merchants & washers hands.

May 13th 1703.

The foregoeing was wrote to have come by a Boat who soon After alter'd her designes since which on the 5th Inst. heres Arrived the Howland one of our Masters Ships bound for Bombay but put in hither by bad weather and a Tedious Voyage from the Cape, they had no Pacquett for us but in regard to ye. Warr & ye. Union of the two Companys, wee opened the box where wee found a Pacquett for this place & Bengall the purport of both which youll perceive by both ye. papers inclosed which is Coppy of what sent to President John Pitt & Councill & ye. Reason of our sending it you is that it may not be misrepresented to the Natives or others which you need not say any thing of unless you find it so.

Yours of the 28th past month wee Recd the 11th Instant & Observe what has happend between the Nabob & you & other Europeans theres Certainly a Present due to him in which wee desire you allways to be as Thrifty as possible for which wee had made Provission by sending severall sorts of goods & Rarities by the Charles & Betty in which wee must allways make our presents & avoid giveing ready Money.

'T was a very great weakness in you to Pay your arrears to your Madapollum Merchants without Deducting what they owed account of Dustore where that Fault lyes is easily to be guest att but if theire Conditions be such as you represent wee advise you to take the Longcloth as you mention but see & do your best to prevent any Loss to the Company.

Wee order you by the first safe Conveighance to send up your Books & wee shall speedily give you orders what Method you shall keep them in for the Future

for that all the Stock to be sent out by either of the Companys after the Comeing out of these Ships is to be for Account the united Trade of India, wee are

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. APRILL & 13TH. MAY 1703.

Srs.
Yr. Affectionate Friends,
THO: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.—Inclosed comes a Pacquett to Mr. Jno. Pitt &ca. which wee order you to send by two of your Factors who if not in Metchlepatam sendit by your Servant to theire Factory and leave it there.

LIST OF YE. PACQUETT to METCHLEPATAM.

No. 1 Fort St. Georges Generall Letter to Metchlepatam dated the 10th Aprill & 13 May.
2 Coppys of Do: Dated 28 Mar: Last sent by Charles and Betty Sloop.
3 Invoise of wt. Laden on Do: Sloop.
4 Coppy of the Twenty Four Mannagers Letter to Fort St. George dated 31st July 1703.
5 Do. Fort St. George Genll. Letter to Mr. Pitt &ca.
6 Packett to Mr. John Pitt &ca.

No. 22.

[FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL, 30, 1703].

TO THE HONBLE. SR. JNO. GAYER
GENLL. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA.
COUNCILL ATT SURRATT.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Both yours of the 5th. December & 27th. Novr. wee Recd 14th past month which the news Papers enclosed for which wee Thank you & our last to you was allso the 5th December most part of the news in the Letters before mentioned is Contradicted in what you sent Lately to Anjango which was Forwarded to us, from whence they write you were not at leisure to Accompany it with a Letter by reason of your City being Invested by Savagee which wee hope may give you an oppertunity of it wth. the Companys Intrest and your owne likeing to withdraw from that hellish place.

Wee hear of Severall Seperate Stock Ships on this side the Cape & wish the Prosperous meet with no Purchase where you say she is bound Otherwise the Companys Settlements will all meet with Troubles.

The Translate you sent us for liberty of Trade to all Europeans is much the same to wt. was sent us from Bengall in Febry. last when they had not the Bennifitt of it ye. Government expecting a summ of money for the Same.

Wee are heartily Sorry for ye. great Loss our Masters have sustained at Bombay haveing as wee are advised lost most or all theire Cruzers belonging to that Iland in the late Violent Storme.

Wee shall write your Vackqueell att Court as wee have occasion & desire youll give him strick Charge to Advise us of all news of moment that Relate to our Masters Affairs. They write us allso from Anjango that you have dispatched the Loyall Bliss & Nathaniell with Rich Cargoes for England where God send they may Arrive in safety.

The Chamber Friggott Mr. Dollbin is not yett arrived & wee fear the Arimzeb has lost her passage to your Port for that wee hear they have mett with Disapointments & Troubles in theire Affairs att Amoy.

Wee are under some concern for the Pembrook Friggott Capt. Wealey hearing Nothing of him from your Port, he was left by the Worcester Friggott a Seperate Stock Ship that came to Anjengo at Delagoe in August last when he intended to follow a month after, wee wish he escapes the Pyratts and the ℘fidiousness of those Natives.

You mention in one of your Letters yt. you had news by way of Muscatt of the arrivall of ye. Bliss & Nathaniell in Persia wee wonder you had no news likewise from that place what is become of Capt. Morris & those poor Soulls Taken with him.

Wee observe in the late news papers ye. Arrivall of the Dutch East India Fleet in Holland & that likewise wee had some Ships Arrived in England the Names of which wee desire you'll Advise us when you are Informed Thereof.

If the Regard & Howland sailed from England in July for your Port wee hope by this time they may be Arrived when Doubt not but youll Impart to us what news Materiall they bring wth. them.

Wee shall now expect in a little time the Arrivall of Ships from your Port on whom wee question not but youll send us a supply of wheat & some Red & Blew Salloes & Garden Seeds as Formerly desired.

Wee wrote you a Twelve month since for the Antient Phermaund of this Place which was sent hence in Sr. John Childs time it being from a Jentu King which may be of Servis to us in Case of any disputes with the Government.

May the 18th. 1703.

Just as was dispatching the above written here Arrived the 5th Inst. the Howland Capt. Thomas Hayes Comr. put in here by bad weather & meeting a Tedious passage from the Cape & as he tells us has Sprung most of his Masts & Yards, wee enquired of him whither he had a Pacquett for this Place who answerd he had none but what was for Bombay so wee Considering how much it Imported the Companys Affairs that wee should know how it stood with us in Relation to the Warr & the Union between the two Companys wee gave the Commandr. an order to send for the Packquett which was in a little Box wch. wee opened and found Therein a Pacquett for this Place & Bengali the Latter wee Forwarded to them in a few dayes after & our Pacquett contained a letter from our Masters & one from the twenty Four Manugers for the United trade Coppy which wee Forwarded to Mr. John Pitt &ca. att Metchlepatam as therein Orderd the purport of which is that he & his Councill repair hither to Assist in Takeing an Inventory of the Dead Stock & afterwards some of our Councill return with him to Doe ye. same with theires att Metchlepatam & Madapollum.

Wee shall not Trouble you hear with a Relation of Europe News supposeing the Regard & the new Companys Ships are long before this Arrived with you.

Capt. Hayes intends to be saileing hence about the beginning of next mouth before wch. time if any Ship Arrives from Europe so as to bring us Fresher News wee will be sure to Advise you Thereof.

Wee Desire youll Forward the accompanying Packquett to the Rt. Honble. Company by ye. first oppertunity. Wee are

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yr. Assured friends &
humble Servts.

Thoms : Pitt.
Fran : Ellis.
Thoms : Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thoms : Marshal.
John Meverel.

No. 23.

To the Worp[ll]. John Brabourne Esq[r].
Commodore &c[a]. Councill att Angango.

S[rs].

The President Imparted to us y[e]. news he lately Recd from your parts, from which wee are hopeing every day to hear from you y[e]. Arrivall of our Masters Ships with what news they bring us, this is to Request your speedy care in forwarding the accompanying Pacquett to Surratt wee Chooseing Rather to send it your way then directly hence finding that few or none by that Conveighance getts safe to them.

May the 18th. 1703.

The Howland bound to Surratt put in here the 5th Ins[t]. which is the Reason wee delayed the sending the before written who brings us an Account of y[e]. Warr declared against France & Spain as was formerly Reported & that the Union between the two Companys is Consumated & y[t]. all Ships for the Future are to come out on Account of the United Trade. Wee are

S[rs].

Y[r]. Affectionate Friends & hum[ble]. Serv[ts].

Thom[s] : Pitt.
Fran : Ellis.
Thom[s] : Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thom[s] : Marshal.
John Meverel.

No. 24.

To the Hon[ble]. John Beard Esq[r].
Presid[t]. for Affairs of the R[t]. Hon[ble]. English East India Comp[a]. in Bengall & Gov[r]. of Fort William &c[a]. Councill.

S[rs].

Few dayes past wee Recd Lett[rs]. from Surratt in w[ch]. Coppy of a Letter from our Mast[rs]. of the 14th May Last, which comes inclosed and the Letter Chiefly Imports y[e]. Trouble Savajee has given in those parts who has burnt & Plunderd the Suburbs of that City & the adjacent Villages & for y[e]. Publick News from Europe 'tis much the same as formerly Remitted you.

And whereas you wrote us about M[r]. Harbins money w[ch]. wee advised of to Surratt to w[ch]. y[e]. Coppy of theire Answer Comes inclosed.

On the 5th Ins[t]. here arrived the Howland from England Cap[t]. Hayes Commander bound for Bombay but mett with very bad weather & a Tedious passage from y[e]. Cape w[ch]. caused him to put in here, They left Plymouth the 1st October in Company wth. the Regard bound for Surratt & Gloucester bound [for] the Westcoast our Masters Ships & of the new Companys two bound for Surratt & one for Borneo, Theres no Packett in this Ship but what directed to Bombay & Surratt, but Considering the Warr & y[e]. uniteing the two Companys wee supposed there might be a Pacquett for this Place which caused us to open the Box wherein wee found not onely a pacquett for us here but one allso for you which wee here Remitt, The Cap[t]. Informes us that the beginning of Sep[r]. the East India Convoy arrived with Nine Ships whereof the Josiah & Sidney was two of them, This Ship mett with the Loyall Cooke at the Cape but no news of the Bedford who wee hope is gone to S[t] Hellina with the Martha &c[a].

Cap[t]. Tyler Arrived here y[e]. 3d Ins[t]. from the Coast of India & acquaints on the 6th of past month he mett the Regard of Callicutt but had not time to speak with her so as to bring any News from her it blowing very hard & Night approaching.

There was att Madagasker two pyrats newly Arrived from new England or thereabouts one of Sixteen Gunns & the other of Thirty Six & daily expected a Concort of theirs of Forty & tis said they are gone for the Coast of India.

Our last to you was y^e^. 29th. of March ℘ Mary Smack but to this day don't hear that she had been att Vizagapatam or the Charles & Betty Sloop at Metchlepatam. Wee are

S^rs^.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
MAY THE 7TH. 1703.

Y^r^. Affectionate friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s^: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THOM^s^: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^s^: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL ℘ SHIP SWEEPSTAKE.

N°. 1. Fort S^t^. George Gen^ll^. Letter to Bengall dated 7th. May 1703.
2. Coppy of D°. Dated 29th. March 1703.
3. Coppy of y^e^. R^t^. Honble. Comp^as^. Letter to Surratt dated the 14th May 1702.
4. Coppy of a Paragraph of Surratt Gen^ll^. to Fort S^t^. George.
5. Packquett from the R^t^. Honble. Company to Bengall ℘ Ship Howland.

No. 25.

TO THE WORP^LL^. GAB[R]IELL ROBERTS ESQ^R^.
DEP^TY^. GOV^R^. &C^A^. COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^. DAVID

S^RS^.

Y^rs^. of the 15th. & 29th. past month as allso those of the 2d & 6th Ins^t^. with the severall Papers Accompanying them wee have Recd.

The Drums & Red Bettelaes went hence in a good Condition & if they came to you otherwise they were damaged in the Boat about which pray enquire.

Wee wish you had bought some Sheathing Plancke & Timbers & what you have to spare of y^e^. latter pray send us by the first oppertunity.

Your Bill of Exchange for Twenty Thousand Pag^s^. payable to your Merchants wee have Recd & Complyed with the same.

Wee find there is Charges Dyett in y^r^. monthly Account of Cash but desire allwayes y^e^. entire Charge of the month may be remitted, otherwayes wee can make no manner of Judgment thereof whither it be dearer or Cheaper then formerly.

As you make any Progress in the Buisness of the Silkwormes pray advise us Thereof.

Wee would have you send to y^e^. Junkan Fellow at Bomypollum about the wood lyeing theire wch. wee have already paid for & if he refuses to lett it goe wee will send a sufficient Force to take it & call him to an account for all past Insolency's.

The Govr. sent you a Translate of Narran Reddees Letter to him in which he mentions that if you Dont Doe him Justice he knows how to do it himself, Pray Consider the Consequence.

M^r^. Bawgus by the first oppertunity shall be sent to your Place to adjust his accounts & what he cant clear he must pay into your Cash wee will allso send you two or three Writers by the first oppertunity when shall give Messrs. Skingle & Nelthorpe leave to come up hither.

The Ship Presid^t^. & Expedition Sloop Arrived here the primo Ins^t^. out of whom wee Recd y^e^. Number of bales you advise but find great dammage amongst Those from the Presid^t^. occasioned Through the Unaccountable Carelessness of the Master in not well Donnageing or Pumping the Ship wee have & will send them all to washing & when the damage is adjusted shall Charge the amount thereof to y^e^. owners of the Ship.

Whereas you write you want money to defray the Necessary expence of the Garrison you may on Receipt of this draw a bill on us for Ten Thousand Pag^s^. part of which you may appropriate to that use & the Remainder pay the Merchants, wee would have you lay in a Store of Paddy for your Garrison being att present at 36 to 38 Mercall for a Pagoda that which is very Good, but if it be Cheaper w^th^ .you wee would have you agree wth. Some Merchants to bring hither one hundred Gerse for our Garrison, but pray lett it be the best sort for keeping.

Daud Cawne wee hear is in the Tanjore Country and it is very Probable he will hault att your Place on his Returne.

Wee Recd the Invoices of w^t^. bales sent on the Presid^t^. Expedition Sloop & Conjeveram & allso the Box Containing Coppys of your Generall Books &c^a^ with the Pacquett from the West Coast.

All sorts of Packing Stuff wee will send you when wee have a Conveighance for the Same.

Wee lately Recd Letters from Surrat adviseing of the Warr & what ships Comeing out thither as allso the arrivall of the Dutches in England.

The Howland Capt. Hayes bound to Surratt meeting wth. a Tedious Passage and bad weather since they came from the Cape were Forced to put in here the 5th Ins^t^. & the Capt. Informeing us they had no Pacquett on Board but what was directed to Bombay, so Considering it is a Warr and the late Union of the Two Companys wee Suggested that there might be Letters for us of Importance which Induced us to open the box wherin wee found a Pacquett directed to us & inclosed therein a letter from our Masters the old Company and another from y^e^. Twenty Four Manugers Consisting of the old & new Company the ℘ticuler Clauses Relateing to you wee here inclose & require you Stricktly to observe the same and putt what therein Orderd in Execution. Wee are

FORT S^T^ [GEORGE]
11TH MAY 1703.

S^rs^.
Y^r^. Affectionate Friends & humble Servants
THOM^S^: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THOM^S^: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^S^: MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 26.

TO M^R^. SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEFE &C^A^. COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^RS^.

Yours of the 19th. past month wee Recd the 10th Ins^t^. wherein you advise the Arrivall of the Mary Smack & your Receipt of what sent by her wee shall send you farther supplies as Soon as Possible for you must Consider wee have mett with disappointments in the Non Arrivall of the Chamber Friggott.

Wee cant but Observe what an Answer you make about your Place being a Dead Charge, wee would have you but Look back how often wee have remitted you money & you have made no returns. Your excuse for which has allwayes been Troubles, Troubles, Troubles.

The 5th Ins^t^. here arrived y^e^. Howland Friggott from England our Masters Ship bound for Bombay but put in here by bad weather [and] a Tedious Passage from the Cape the[n] opened the Box of Letters & found in itt a Pacquett for this Place which adviseth us of the Union between the two Companys being Compleated & that all Future Ships will come out on account the United Trade, Wee Recd allso a letter from the Twenty Four Manugers, Coppy of which according to theire order wee have Remitted M^r^. Pitt &c^a^. Councill at Metchlepatam & our Masters write us he is Orderd to Repaire hither to Assist in Takeing an Inventory of their Dead Stock in all there Settlements Which when done he is to Return to Metchlepatam, whither wee are to send persons to doe the Same at Theirs.

Wee here Remitt you [clauces] of our Mast^rs^. Letter & the Twenty Four Manugers wch. you are to Observe & act accordingly & send us up your Books wth. all Convenient Speed. Wee are

S^rs^.
Y^r^. Affectionate Friends
THOM^S^: PITT.
THOM^S^: WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^S^: MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
MAY Y^E^. 13TH. 1703.

No. 27.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JN^O^. BEARD ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E^. R^T^. HON^BLE^. COMP^A^. IN BENGALL & GOV^R^. OF FORT W^M^. &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Wee Advised by the Mary Smack that wee had order'd the Charles & Betty Sloop to call at Metchlepatam in her Return to you on whom we loaded severall things for the Company besides Treasure &c^a^. Laden on Board for ℘ticuler Account but hearing she has not been there wee Suppose she has been put by by y^e^. Fresh Gales who wee hope is Arrived Safe with you and if so wee desire you to open our Pacquett to M^r^. Frewen &c^a^. and take care of what Laden as ℘ Invoice & Remitt it to Metchlepatam by the first Conveighance.

Wee shall send you One Thousand Chests of Copper as wee meett with Conveniency to Freight the Same.

If any of our Ships Consigned to this Port from the West Coast, should again loose their way & come to your Port wee would Desire to Direct them in theire Course hither if the season presents.

The Coppy of our last dated 7th. Ins^t^. wee here Inclose. Wee are

S^rs^.
Y^r^. humble Servants
THOM^S^: PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOM^S^ : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^S^ : MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
MAY THE 17TH 1703.

No. 28.

To the Honble. John Beard Esqr.

Presid^{t}. for Affairs of the R^{t}. Honble. English East India Comp^{a}. in Bengall & Govr. of Fort W^{m}. &c^{a}. Councill.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Inclosed Comes Invoise & Bill of Loading for two Hundred Chests of Jappan Copper loaden on board Sloop Greyhound Samuell Butcher Master. Wee are

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. Affectionate friends
& humble Servants,

Fort S^{t}. George
May 17th 1703.

Thom^{s}: Pitt.
Fran^{s}: Ellis.
Thom^{s}: Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Thom^{s}: Marshall.
John Meverell.

No. 29.

To Gab[r]iell Roberts Esqr.

Deputy Govern^{r}. &c^{a} Councill of Fort S^{t}. David.

S^{rs}.

Wee here Inclose Invoise and Bill of Loading for w^{t}. Packing Stuff Loaden on this Vessell wch. wee hope will Arrive safe wth. you. Wee are

S^{rs}.
Your Affectionate friends
& humble Servants,

Fort S^{t}. George
May the 21st. 1703.

Tho: Pitt.
Fran: Ellis.
Thom^{s}: Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Tho: Marshal.
John Meverell.

No. 30.

To M^{r}. Step^{n}. Frewen

Chiefe att Metch[l]epat^{m}. &c^{a}. Councill.

S^{rs}.

Y^{rs}. of the 9th. wee Recd the 20th. Ins^{t}. wth. the Bengall Packett & Vizagapatam which Peons Told us the surprizeing News of M^{r}. John Pitts Death who heard of the same near Durrumpaut which news wee fear may Occasion the new Companys People no small Trouble from the Government & theire Merchants being Indebted very Considerable (as Reported) to the Latter & Involved as wee hear, upon the Account of promises to the Former.

You see what the Twenty Four Manugers write that wee are to be aiding & Assisting to each other on all Occasions which wee order you to doe but Stricktly Command you not to Involve our Comp^{as}. Affairs or yourselves upon any Account whatever, till you have a Possitive order from the President & Councill here & therefore as any thing new happens upon this Occasion wee Require you *De Die in Diem* to dispatch us Advises Thereof Chargeing your Peons to come as Speedy as Possible which they may doe in Seven or Eight Dayes.

Wee have wrote theire Chiefe there, wch. comes inclosed wth. a Flying Seall which wee desire you to send them: Wee are

Srs.

Yr. Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY 21ST. 1703.

THOMS: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THO: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 31.

TO THE CHIEFE &CA. COUNCILL FOR THE NEW EAST INDIA COMPANYS AFFAIRS ATT METCHLEPATAM.

SRS.

Wee were not a little surprized yesterday by our Peons from Metchlepatam who brought us the bad News of the Presidents Death Mr. John Pitt telling us they heard of the same on the Road near Durrumpaut which Suddain Misfortune wee fear may Occasion some Trouble to your Factory, & whereas the Honble. Manugers have Commanded us to be Aiding & Assisting to each others on all Occasions, wee hereby Advise you that if there be any Thing in our Power for the Servis of your Company wee desire if you please to lay before us your Circumstances wee will Consider Thereof & give you our uttmost Assistance therein withall Expedition. Wee are

Srs.

Yr. Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY 21ST 1703.

THOMS: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 32.

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCILL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

Yours of the 21st. Inst. wee Recd the 24th Do. wherein you Resite ye. late order recd from the Manugers & assure us of your speedy Compliance therewith, but you Mistake in one part of it which is on takeing an Inventory of the Dead Stock, which is to be done when the new Companys President & Councill come to Assi[s]t them.

Wee have Recd ye. Ten Timbers & Desire for the Future yt. when any Planck or Timbers comes to your Port you will with all expedition Advise us the quantity & quality when wee will send you orders about it.

Wee approve of wt. you have done in Narra Reddees Buisness & would have you remitt the money yt. is paid hither to the Govr. & Councill & wee will make his Attorney here discharge the Persons that have paid.

Wee shall take care to provide our selves wth. paddy here.

'Tis not Improbible but that Daud Cawne may call upon you whom wee would have you Complement wth. Liquors & such Toyes as the Dutch have done, & you may send any of your Councill wth. it, except Mr. Haynes & Mr. Berlue, 'Tis but lately he has had a great Present here, Therefore wee think if you Present him to the amount of One hundred and Fifty Pags. or thereabouts it will be sufficient.

The Govr. Show'd us the Paper sent to your Chiefe Dubash from Porto Novo, the whole Country knows yt. wt. Gopall told the Nabob is falce & yt. wee purchased the place out right of those that power to sell it & not took it as a Pawn & if the Nabob makes any Demands on yt. Account you must tell him yt. it is falce & that the Writeings relateing to it are lodged here, be sure to send us Frequent advices if you are likely to have any Troubles from him and if a Europe Ship arrives wee will send her to you, wth. what Assistance wee can.

Here is your old Mulla Kidda John who was sent Some Years past by the Governr. & Councill of this Place to be your Mulla who sayes you have Turned him out by reason that he would not receive his Wages in Paddy wch. wee think very hard, for how is he to make Provission otherwayes for his Family if he is to Receive all in Paddy besides there is a great deall of Difference between a Peon & a Mulla who is one of your principle servants & you generally most Confide in him, Therefore if his Crime be no other then what before mentioned wee would have him Reinstated.

Mr. Fraser will not Signe the Consultations unless you send the foule Coppy Book to Compare them wth. therefore send it by ye. first oppertunity & wee will see it Done & return them to you.

You have a Sarjt. wth. you Manr. Du Bane who has desired leave from us to come hither where his family now is, According to his request you may ℘mitt him & wee will return you another Sarjt. in his Room.

Wee are
Yr. Affectionate friends &
humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY 27TH 1703.

THOMS: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 33.

TO THE HONBLE. JNO. BEARD ESQR. FORT ST. GEORGE JUNE 3TH 1703.

PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF YE. RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL AND GOVERNR. OF FORT WILLIAM &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Yours of the 3d of Aprill wee Recd ye. 20th past month with the inclosed papers as ℘ List.

Wee Observe ye. many Reasons you write in your justification about takeing the John & Mary's Pepper wch. are Contradictory one to ye. other & in our opinion do not in the [least] Justifie you in it, had The Ship come hither wth. Pepper she had not att all encreased our Tonnage besides wee should have loaded it home in such manner as would have been most to the Companys advantage & satisfaction, & would desire you to Consider whither the Company would not have paid one & the Same Freight if that pepper had been Laden on the Hampshiere in this Road as they Doe now for that Loaden on her at Bencoolin besides it would a been more for the Security of the Companys Estate to have dispatched two in Company then a Single Ship att this time of Day.

Wee find lett y^{e}. price Currant be what it will you are to Creditt us but 9½ Rupees ꝑ Maund to Justifie the Shooting of it, besides you thought it unreasonable to send it to Madrass Suspecting wee should send it home on full Freight whereas yett wee never Did, but had it not been much better to have sent part of that on full Freight rather then send a ship with above Forty Thousand Pag^{s}. value in bales to take it in att Bencoolin on full Freight & whereas the Phoenix was to come hither wee think there was no Ship wanting to bring Stores & Provissions.

What you say as to the Ship that she could not be here in Point of time & y^{t}. y^{e}. Comander came up the River without your order or knowledge has some weight in it, but then is not y^{e}. Company in a Fine Condition that theire Commanders shall run w^{tt}. Risgoes they please wth. there Estates, Wee think you had Done well if you had Continued y^{e}. Pepper on board her & lett her come hither so Soon as y^{e}. Season had ꝑmitted for wch. Deviation y^{e}. Company would not have paid one penny Demorage.

The Presid^{t}. you site of the Ship Success whose Pepper Agient Charnock &c^{a}. took out, wee are Informed it thus, That Ship Arrived in Sepr. when Capt. Heath was there in the Defence who had orders to bring up all the Companys Servants hither but for want of Vessells for that purpose there being Goods & other things to bring away, that Pepper was sold and y^{e}. Ship taken into the servis to Assist therein, if so wee think thats Nothing att all to this matter besides wee are of Opinion that ill Presid^{t}. ought to be Forgott & naught but good ones to be Remembred & Practiced, Wee shall not run further into any arguments about this matter but leave it to the Company to deside who have or wo^{d}. have Acted most for theire Advantage they onely being the proper & best Judges Thereof.

The Reason of our Designeing the Chamber Friggott for the Bay was our fearing that she would not Arrive till March or Aprill, att which time if any Ship Dispatched hence they must make a Winter Voyage which is very dangerous in time of warr, to avoid wch. wee had Thoughts of sending her to you for Salt Petre & Provissions.

Wee desire you to send no more Silk winders till wee Request them.

M^{r}. Peachy Dyed in M^{r}. DuBois's house into whose hands fell all the Effects he had, for that Nobody would Meddle wth. them fearing Troubles from his Relations, so that if he left any thing wee believe it is intirely lost.

Wee have by us about y^{e}. Quantity of Petre you mention, wch. is little more then what will suffice for one Ship & for Cowreys & Coffee here is none P[r]ocurable & our sugars are all Java which wee fear are not so Vendible in England so hope wee may be Certain Supply of Petre from you.

On y^{s}. Sloop Expedition M^{r}. Jno. Litton Master wee have Laden one hundred & Twenty Candy of Copper Amounting to Pag^{s}. [*lacuna*] as ꝑ Invoice & Bill of Loading inclosed the Chests were all in peices, so that wee were forced to put it in Baggs theire is four Pecull to y^{e}. Candy each pecull 131 ℔s. all wch. is weighed by the Master, This Sloop was run away with from Bencoolin by the Surgeon & another who wee cant prosecute for it, haveing no Evidence *Viva Voce*, The Sloop has been in att Fort S^{t}. David where her bottom has been extraordinary well Fitted so that she will want little or Nothing excepting Caulking her upper works & two or three paire of Standards up her Deck & Sailes wch. wee desire you to supply her with & what elce is Necessary her list of Stores & Paymasters Account wages comes inclosed.

If wee have any Europe Ship Arrives in time [wee shall] send her to you to be Return'd us with Salt Petre [and Pro]vission the Latter end of August when if you find no Ship Arrives wth. you, wee would desire you to return us this Sloop Loaden with Salt Petre & who wee believe will carry about Six or Seven hundred Baggs otherwise wee desire you to dispatch her in Sepr. Loaden wth. Stores for Bencoolin for wee believe they want the Vessell upon that Coast.

The Hampshiere Sailed from thence the first of Feb^{ry}. for England a full Ship & the Sarum arrived there [*lacuna*] whose Cargoe wee hear does not goe off therefore wee dont request your sending any goods upon the Sloop but ꝑswade

what Portuguez you can to goe theire with theire Familys w[ch]. place is become very healtfull.

Here was Loading in this Road Ships for China, Tonqueen, Manelha & Siam that for China was Dispatched on the ultimo of last month & y[e]. others Ready to Follow in few dayes but in the Afternoon just as the Supra Cargoes were goeing off here arrived the Pembrook Friggott Cap[t]. Whealey who mett with two Pyratts att Mayotta who took him out for a Pylott for the Streights of Mallacca & Stript the Ship of her Stores & some other few things for a Relation of w[ch]: wee Referr you to the paper enclosed, The Pyratts went for Madagascar where 'tis said they were to joyne Ship Speaker & reported that Ship a little before Christmas last brought thither a Rich prize that she had Taken in the Red Sea & whilst they lay att Mayotta they took three Arrab Vessells belonging to Patta whose men they putt all to the sword, y[e]. Pembrook had one hundred Candy of Teeth on Board w[ch]. they Did not meddle with, The [news] Aforementioned has occasioned all four Ships to desist from theire intended Voyage, so that w[t]: will become of Trade is easily to be guest.

M[r]: Pitt the new Companys President Dyed y[e]. 8th. of past month at Durum Patt of an Applectick Fitt since which wee have not heard any thing Relateing to theire Affairs att Metchlepatam.

After Loading on Board this Sloop the Aforementioned Quantity of Petre & she can take in more wee would desire you to fill her up w[th]: packing stuff of all sorts.

Inclosed comes our two last Generalls dated the 15 & 17th May last. Wee are

Y[r]: Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

Tho. Pitt.
Fran: Ellis.
Thom[s]: Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Thom[s]: Marshal.
John Meverell.

List of the Pacquett

N[o]: 1 Fort S[t]: George Gen[ll]. to Bengall dated y[e]: 8th: June 1703.
2 Coppys of Dittoes dated y[e]. 15th & 17th May 1703.
3 Invoice of Sloop Expedition.
4 Bill of Loading of Ditto.
5 Paymasters Account wages Imprest y[e]: Sloops men.
6 List of Stores belonging to D[o]. Sloop.
7 Second Bill of Loading of Sloop Greyhound.

No. 34.

To M[r]: George Lytton
Master of Sloop Expedition

Upon Receipt hereof you are hereby orderd to repair on Board your Vessell & w[th]: the first oppertunity of wind & weather permitting to weigh Anchor & sett Saile & bend your Course for y[e]. Speedy attaining of the Port of Bengall where when Arrived you are to Deliver your Pacquett herewith Deliverd you as Directed to the Hon[ble]: Jn[o]: Beard Esq[r]: Presid[t]: & Govern[r]: of Fort William &c[a]: Councill & follow there orders for your Future disposall, We recommend to your care the keeping the Sloop allwayes in Repair, & none of her

Stores be Imbess'led, Speak with no Saile att Sea & keep your Vessell allwayes in a good posture of Defence, to prevent Surprize & after your Arrivall gett up y^e^: river so Soon as possible you can, Wee wish you a good Voyage, & Date these in Fort S^t^: George this 9th day of June 1703.

THOM^s^ : PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOM : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^s^: MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 35.

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^R^. FORT S^T^. GEORGE 12 JUNE 1703.
DEPUTY GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^: DAVID.

S^RS^.

Both yours of y^e^: 28th: of past month & 5th: Ins^t^: wee have Recd & have paid your 3 Bills for Ten Thousand Pag^s^: as Advised of in y^e^: Former.

Wee shall take care that Somiah gives discharges & wee think you give a very good Reason for Narra Reddees Solliciteing in that buisness.

Wee hear that Daud Cawne is att Porto Novo & it is not Improbible but that he may give you Some Troubles, so Yesterday y^e^. Govern^r^. Dispatcht the President to you, on which wee have sent you Twenty Soldiers, not knowing when y^e^: Howland will be Ready or whither they will come att all to your Assistance that Ship not being under our Direction, nor can wee give orders to them fearing it will bring y^e^. Ship upon demorage, you will soon see what the Nabob aims att, and if he remains att Porto Novo wee would have you lay Tappys upon the Road for F[r]equent Advises, but if he goes away to Arcott or comes downe this Coast, return us our Twenty men with all Expedition, but you may keep Sarj^t^: Latterell there & send Sarj^t^: Du Bane in his Roome.

Wee have Committed M^r^: Bawgus to the Charge of the Capt: whom you are to secure till he has paid the Companys Debt.

Wee observe w^t^: you write of Mulla Kiddar Jean who should not have been displaced without our leave but if he be guilty of those Enormous Crimes you represent wee Confirme it & order not his Reinstatement, unless he Acknowledges his faults in the most Submissious manner & promises of Amendment.

The Govr. Acquaints us that he has Informed w^t^: news the Pembrook Friggott brought of the Pyratts, M^r^: Fenwicks relation of which comes here inclosed.

The Union Arrived two Leagues to leward of this Port y^e^. 10th Ins^t^: from the West Coast Loaden w^th^: pepper for the Companys Account & bound for China if she can meet with a good Convoy.

Pray in your Next send a ꝑticuler Account of what Goods & y^e^: Amount our Merch^ts^: have in your Bounds. Wee are

S^rs^.
Y^r^. Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants
THOM^s^: PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOM^s^ : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^s^ : MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 36.

To M^{R}: Simon Holdcombe Fort S^{T}. George [16] June 1703.
Chiefe &c^{A}. Councill att Vizagapatam.

Wee Recd Yours of y^{e}. 28th : Aprill & primo May on y^{e}. 20th Ditto.

Wee doe not hear yett from Metchlepatam y^{e}. Rustundell Cawne is proceeding so far into your Country as Chickcacull, but it is not Improbable but that he will & likewise make you a Vissett, his Temper wee believe to be as you write, hauty & Avaritious, for wee find none of y^{m}. otherwise, if he gives you Troubles you must withstand him as well as you can, & to enable you the better to doe it wee have on this Ship sent you Twelve Portuguez Soldiers & orderd Six English Soldiers from Metchlepatam who will embark on this Ship, The Provissions are laid in for them so that there is Nothing to pay on y^{t}. Acco^{tt} : or theire Passage wee have allso sent you Fifteen Candy of Powder as ℘ Invoice & bill of Loading inclosed, wee can give you no ℘ticuler Directions how you should Mannage matters with y^{e}. Nabob, but recommend to you to be as Thrifty as possible, but Avoid what you can y^{e}. Introduceing of ill Presidents for in this Country you see, are very ketching & presantly made as they call it, Sallabad.

And if by y^{e}. Instigation of y^{e}. Dutch should (of which you are Jealous) demand your Phirmaund for your Settlement of Priviledges for which you say never had any, wee best answer wee can Think on, will be for you to tell him that all Phirmaunds &c^{a} : as Soon as Granted are sent to Madrass to be Lodged there for theire Security.

No Chamber Friggott from China or Europe Ship Arrived till when wee shall not be able to send you a supply.

Ship Pembrooke Friggott arrived here the ult^{o}. last month from Dillagoa & in her return from thence mett wth : Pyratts att Mayotta, A Relation of which comes inclosed, upon which wee stopt all ships bound throw the Streights of Mallacca.

M^{r} : Frewen formerly wrote us for a Buff Coat for the Nabob of which he was very desireous so sent him one on the Sloop that was putt by Metchlepatam, & here send Another to you, not knowing but it may Obliege him. Wee are

Y^{r} : Affectionate Friends.
Thom^{s} : Pitt.
Fran : Ellis.
Tho : Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thom^{s} : Marshall.
John Meverell.

No. 37.

To M^{R} : Stephen Frewen Fort S^{T} : George 16 June 1703.
Chiefe &c^{A} : Councill att Metchlepatam.

Y^{rs} : of the 29th : & 31st : past month wee Receiv^{d} : the 13th Ins^{t} :

You had done well in doeing what was allwayes Practised in the Factory, that is on concludeing the Investment & to pay them y^{e}. Ballance, but you were stricktly forbid it, till they had brought in theire Proportion of Chay Goods due on former Contracts, which must be made Good to the Company, by you, or the Merchants, but your Reason for that & other things are not so weighty as they ought to be, Tis true wee did not disapprove of your advanceing 2500 Pag^{s} : to your Merchants but you may remember you did it before you could have our Approbation, or could disapprove the Same.

Mr : Frewen must be paid for ye. eight boates of Firewood & wee hope hee'll see the three that were behind come hither by ye. first Oppertunity as allso what elce he can procure.

The Presidts : Letter to ye. Governr : & our Journall Parcells for your Factory, were on the Sloop that mist your Port wch : shall be Coppied out againe & speedily sent you.

Wee hear send you what wee have by us for Presents of wch : wee would have you be very Thrifty, The threats of the Government availe little with us believeing for the Future wee shall have little Buisness to do in their Port.

Your no answer was proper to his Paper who would fain be a Consull & President In all the Scrole Mr. Frewen & Mr : Faucett have writt wee find Nothing satisfactory as to Woollstons Buisness nor any thing that can be Called reasons for keeping the Gentlemen out of the Councill, who ought to be Summoned thereto as occasion required by ye. Chiefe.

Wee have Perused ye. ballance of your Cash wch : we see is Low & shall send you a Supply on ye. Arrivall of the Ship from China or Europe Shipping.

Wee are as Possitive as your Merchants, that unless they make Considerable Abatements, wee will make no Investment, & that too in no other sort of goods then wee directed last year & order you to Observe ye. Same.

Mr : Tillard has answerd our Letter directed to Mr. Jno : Pitt, as allso that to himself.

Factors provissions what we can spare comes on this Ship as allsoe what we have by us fitt for presents as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Loading inclosed.

Wee also hear inclose ye. Duplicate of the Letter for the Govr : formerly sent on the Charles & Betty Sloop with a Translate thereof, which wee leave to your direction to deliver or detain since it is of so Long a Date.

Mr. Hollcomb &ca. has Advised us from Vizagapatam that he is Suspitious of some Trouble from Nabob Rustundell Cawne so have sent him to his Assistance Twelve Portuguez Soldiers, & order you to put your six on Board.

Wee have Considerd of the Paper deliverd you by the Portuguez who is so Charitable inclined as to give all that he has at his Death to Pious uses, & in ye. mean time desires to Lodge his money in the Companys Cash, att 7 ℘ Cent now you may Acquaint him that wee think our Church the properest Repossetory for money Given to such uses, wch. it may be, he may be deterred from on Account of his Religion, if so, the Governr. & Councill will take it into ye. Companys Cash. Wee are

Yr. Affectionate Friends

Thoms : Pitt.
Fran : Ellis.
Thoms : Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thoms : Marshal.
John Meverell.

No. 38. ℘ Briggantine Endeavour

To The Honble. Jno. Beard Esqr.
Presidt. for Affairs of ye. Rt. Honble. English East India Compa.
in Bengall and Govr. of Fort William &ca. Councill.

Fort St. George Primo July 1703.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yours of the 17th : 19th : & 20th : of Aprill wth. Sr. Edwards Raveing Letter, wee Recd ye. 18th past month & defer the Answering of it till ye. next oppertunity presents by reason wee are Looking for an Account wherein Woolston Charges

Sallary, for some time before wee turn'd him out, for that as soon as wee found him falce to our Masters Intrest, wee desisted from makeing him Consignements, Coppy of wch. Account wee'll be sure to send you.

Pa. Fa.

This incloses Invoice & Bill of loading for Copper Amounting to 3556 : 10 Shipt on the R^t. Honble. Comp^as. Account on y^e. Endeavor Brigganteen Capt. Hart Commander.

Wee lately received a great deall of good & bad News, of wch. the Presid^t. saies he has sent you a full Account to which wee Refer you & y^e. last hopes wee have that of the Bedford is Falce is that she winterd att S^t. Laurence & is gone thence directly for S^t. Hellina, which God grant may prove true.

Our Masters Ship the Glousester is Arrived att the West Coast, & wee believe will be over here wth. what Pepper she can gett y^e. Latter end of next month, in expectation of a Considerable quantity of Peke & Redwood, for that y^e. Company has now Order'd that stores of Those Commodities should lye ready at Bancoolin for Kintilage for theire Ships Dispatched from y^t. Coast so hope youll Supply us wth. a quantity of y^e. Former.

Wee Rec̃d by a Vessell thence Two Pacquetts one for your selves y^e. other for S^r. Edward Littleton & Councill wch. are here inclosed wth. a Coppy of our Last to you dated y^e. 8th past with Second Bill of Loading for w^t. Laden on the Expedition Sloope. Wee are

Y^r. Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s : PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOM^s : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N°. 1. Fort S^t. George Gen^ll. Letter to Fort William dated p^mo. July 1703.
2. Invoice of w^t. Laden on Brigganteen Endeavour.
3. Bill of Loading of Ditto.
Coppy of 4. Fort S^t. George Gen^ll. to Fort William dated y^e. 8th June 1703.
5. 2d Bill of Loading for w^t. Laden on Expedition Sloope.
16. A Packquett from the R^t. Honble. Company to the Presid^t. & Councill of Fort William in Bengall.
18. The New Companys Pacquett directed Viz^t.
To S^r. Edward Littleton K^t. President and the Rest of y^e. Councill for Affairs of y^e. English Company, Tradeing to y^e. East Indies in y^e. Bay of Bengall.

No. 39.

FORT S^T. GEORGE 5TH JULY 1703.

TO M^R. STEPHEN FREWEN,
CHIEFE &C^A. COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^RS.

Our Last to you was Dated y^e. 18th past month since which wee have Rec̃d Yours of y^e. 8th 11th & 19th D^o. & wth. Yours of the 8th wee Rec̃d y^e. Bengall Pacquett Adviseing y^e. Arrivall there of y^e. Charles & Betty Sloop, wth. yours of y^e. 11th wee Rec̃d your Generall Books D. & your reasons for & Adjusting Accounts wth. our Books, M^r. Faucetts remarks upon y^e. Journall Parcells, wee sent you, will be perused by our Accomptant & an answer given you thereto. With y^rs. of the 19th wee Rec̃d the West Coast Pacquett in which wee had Coppys

of former Letters from our Masters, wch. were Brought thither by y^e. Gloucester Friggott, we allso rec̃d a Pacquett from the new Company wch. wee hear inclose and desire you to send it as Directed.

Wee here inclose y^e. news wee had from Persia being an Account of y^e. great Success of ours and the Dutch Fleett mett wth. at Vigoe haveing taken & distroyed all y^e. Galloons & French men of Warr y^t. Convoyed them all wch. is Confirmed by Fresher advices from England, whither the Fleets returned wth. theire Booty for wch. the Queen attended by both houses of Parliament went to Saint Paulls Church & returned God Allmighty Thanks for the same, Wee are

Y^r. Affectionate Friends
THO^s: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THO: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.—Inclosed is a Pacquett for Vizagapatam w^{ch}: doe you Immediately forward thither.

No. 40.

FORT S^T. GEORGE 5TH JULY 1703.

To M^R. SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEFE &C^A. COUNCILL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

S^{RS}.

Y^{rs}. of y^e. 11th past month wee Rec̃d y^e. 30th Ditto.

Y^r. Generall Books are to be ballanced in Aprill as Accustomary & then to be Ballance[d] againe the 22d July 1703 & new Books begun from that time for the United Trade & Manugement wherein you are to enter y^e. Charges wch. doe directly relate to y^e. Forts, Castles, & other y^e. Dead stock, but y^e. Charges of each $Comp^{as}$. Factory relateing to theire Seperate Trade are to be Bourne by each Company Respectively, you must allso mind that both Companys have mutually Covenanted that they have not Since y^e. 2d of Jan^{ry}. 170½ nor Since given or sent any orders or Directions for selling or deminishing of any of y^e. Ammunition Stores, household Stuff, Goods or other the Dead Stock expence Warr onely excepted & such Books for y^e. United Trade and Manugement are likewise to be Ballanced in Aprill with y^e. other Books.

Wee Rec̃d your Warehousekeepers Account of goods & hope you Remember to keep a Proportion browne of Longcloth & Sallumpores as formerly Advised, & shall send you a Further Supply for y^e. Carrying on an Investment so soon as y^e. China or Europe Ships Arrive.

Wee Rec̃d y^e. West Coast Pacquett &c^a. you forwarded to Metchlepatam, Wee are

Y^r. Affectionate Friends
THOM^s: PITT.
FRAN: ELLIS.
THOM^s: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 41.

FORT ST. GEORGE YE. 19TH JULY 1703.

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNR. &CA. COUNCILL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

Our Last to you was ye. 12th of past month since wee Recd yours of ye. 11th Ditto.

Wee Observe what you write yt. Mr. Games had a good Reception from ye. Nabob by ye. means of Abdull Lebby who by Experience has allwayes been our friend, wch. we would have Acknowledged when he past by here, in a present, but he then Refused it, as he has done yours [now] ye. meaning of it is a Mistery, be sure you dont trust him, & ye. Nabob himselfe knows wee will not him, wee are glad to hear you are Rid of him & yt. he came not near us.

The men Shipt on ye. President sent to your Assistance were sailed, but being gott no further then near Sadrass wee orderd ye. Ship to return into ye. road with them.

Wee Desire you in your Next to send us a ℘ticuler Account of ye. Presents you gave ye. Nabob & his Officers.

Our Merchants here are very earnest to have all theire goods brought into your Port washt, Sorted, & Packed & sent hither by ye. first Oppertunity, wee desire of you ye. same, & likewise that you will allow them for theire Packing stuff as you do your owne Merchants.

Wee shiped on ye. Presidt. a Parcell of packing stuff Amounting to Pags. 317 : 22 : 3 Invoice & bill of Loading for wch. comes inclosed & hope by this she may be Arrived with you.

The Union Sailed this day for China.

'Tis not Improbable but yt. ye. French Ships at Goa may come upon this Coast Therefore would have you be Cautious what ships you keep in your Road.

Inclosed wee have sent you a Printed Charter of Union between ye. Two Companys and the Conveighance of ye. Dead Stock, wee are

Yr. Affectionate Friends and
humble Servants

THOMS: PITT.
FRAN : ELLIS.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHAL.
JNO: MEVERELL.

No. 42. Sent ℘ Ship Mary.

TO THE HONBLE. JNO. BEARD ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA [COMPANY] IN BENGALL & GOVERNR. OF FORT WILLIAM &CA. COUNCILL.

FORT ST. GEORGE 12 JULY 1703.

HONBLE ST. &CA.

Our Last to you was dated ye. ℘mo. Inst. ℘ Brigganteene Endeavour since which wee have Recd Yours of ye. 6th May to which wee now Answer as allso to those of ye. 17th 19 & 20th Aprill.

Wee are not willing to enter into any further disputes of what has passed relateing to the Pepper Ship, or ye. bales sent hither, but think it best to look forward, & heartily unite in Carrying on our Masters Buisness to theire best

Advantage wch. will be more pleaseing to them, & not a little Tending to our owne Creditt & Intrest.

Wee approve of your Proposall of sending Bengall & Coast goods in one & y^{e}. Same Ship Dureing y^{e}. Warr but then you must call here to Fill up, for y^{t}. wee believe y^{e}. Company will not like of sending goods hence to Bengall whereby they run a double Resgue thereof.

The Chamber Friggott wee expect not here till December or Jan^{ry}. of wch. Doubtless you have had an Account from Messrs. Fleetwood & Whistler who mett with y^{e}. new Companys Ship the Hallifax at Metchlepatam, who give an Account of Two French Ships they mett in the Streights of Mallacca for a Relation of which wee shall Refer you to them, the Colchester wee expect will be here next month, Capt. Rouse and his Purser wee hear are Dead & severall of his Ships Company & 'tis said y^{e}. Surviveing are but in a weak Condition, when She Arrives wee will Dispatch her to you for that wee intend her for the Sepr. Ship but if it should so happen y^{t}. you cannot gett petre you had best detain her till December, when pray send her early to us.

The Gloucester Friggott as advised in our former Letter being arrived at y^{e}. West Coast & expected here, when wee will Immediately return her with Petre & Redwood & Five hundred bales in Case y^{t}. your Letters discourage our expecting y^{e}. Colchester here in Sep^{r}.

Wee are Glad to hear y^{e}. Charles and Betty Sloope is Safe Arrived with you her missing Metchlepatam was a great Disappointment to us & severall people who sent things on her, what belongs to y^{e}. Company wee Desire you to send thither by y^{e}. first Oppertunity, unless you have Occasion for it, The Character wee gave of y^{t}. Sloope is no other then what wee had from your Bengall People and those that Sailed in her, wch. Renderd her useless to the Company in these Parts, wee will order M^{r}. Holcombe to send you M^{r}. Addams's Bill of Loading.

Wee have Considerd of S^{r}. Edwards Letter to you about Woolston & think it hardly worth our while to Answer but hope now y^{e}. Unions Compleated y^{t}. there will be Scruteing into each Companys Servants good or bad services to theire Masters, as well as Justice to theire Neighbours, when wee Doubt not butt will be Found that our Services are as Justifyable as those Empty title Gentlemen who call themselves Embassadours & Consulls, but regarded as Such, by none but those of theire owne Gang.

Wee know not who S^{r}. Edward means escaped hence wth. onely the skin of his Teeth who Doubtless had some other about him Fitt for S^{r}. Edward or he that wrote that Foolish Paper, but if wee guess aright att what he means, Woollston came hither with no skin att all & had Remained so till this day, but for y^{e}. Favour & Charity of the President & Councill of this Place, who for want of Honest Principles betrayed his Masters in Divulging theire Secretts to those who Some called Embasadours & Consulls besides Falce in his Trust in y^{e}. Merca[n]tile Part 'Tis true y^{t}. M^{r}. Lovell was chiefe in the Commission, who when sent for came hither, whom wee Charged with many things of Severall Natures whose defence in Generall was y^{t}. M^{r}. Woollston Did it, or that he could give no Answer to it, unless Woollston was Present, which made us use those endeavours we have Done to gett Woollston hither without wee saw there was no Adjusting theire Accounts, for which end Lovell waited here Severall Months, but never under Confinement & when he went to China gave an obligation to return to this Port againe, 'Tis as S^{r}. Edward Sais that they both went Downe Factors but at y^{e}. Same time twas understood by them & us, that they were to be Recalled att our Pleasure & to come hither to Adjust theire Accounts, but youll see by Woolstons Account sent us, of which wee hear inclose a Coppy, that he makes himself a serv^{t}., for After that wee found they betrayed us in every thing wee Imparted to them, wee desisted from makeing them any Consignement dureing wch. time he has Charged Sallary so that that part of the Argument of S^{r}. Edwards is out of Doors, you will find on the C^{r}. Side of his Account has given Creditt for 2 Corge of fine Longcloth Amounting 204 Pag^{s}. which he took out of the Companys Bales in the Warehouse of which being Detected he Brought it to Account, & wee can

likewise Prove against them that they sold Severall of the Companys Necessarys of the Factory & never C^{r}. the Company for it, besides on y^{e}. new Companys Servants comeing there they gave them all manner of Assistance in theire Investments of wch. they were Ignorant the ℘ticulers of which wee advised in our Letter of y^{e}. 29th of March so Desire your uttmost Endeavours that he may be Brought hither to Adjust his Acco^{tts}. which you may Engage will be done without any of those hurricans suggested by S^{r}. Edward, for wee think him not worth our Notice further then to see that y^{e}. Company has Right done them & y^{t}. in the Proper place, and wee likewise Promise y^{t}. he shall escape with what skin properly belongs to him without being put into a Cock house or Dungeon as he deserves.

Wee hear send you a Coppy of what Leases wee give for houses & Gardens here & w^{t}. y^{e}. Companys write relateing Thereto.

Wee'll Procure as soon as Possible the Black stone you Desire for the Chappell, but y^{e}. account y^{t}. you have sent for Those for stairs is Imperfect in not mentioning how broad you intend your staircase nor w^{t}. height you intend each step.

By y^{e}. Munsoon wee had Letters from Agent Owen & inclosed a Letter of news from Aleppo Coppy of which comes herewith & y^{e}. 11th Ins^{t}. wee had Severall Letters from Surratt from y^{e}. Generall & Councill their, Dated y^{e}. 28th Aprill, 15th, 18th & 26th May last in which they Advise y^{e}. Arrivall of the Regard y^{e}. 19th May att Bombay on which Ship they Received a Letter from the Manugers Dated the 24th Sepr. Coppy of which as Directed by y^{e}. Same wee herewith send you, wch. you are to Communicate to those at Fort England.

Here was a Report said to be Dutch News sent from Fort S^{t}. David, That three French Ships were arrived att Goa, & that the beginning of May which news they say S^{r}. John Gayer advised the Dutch thereof haveing it from Bombay, but in their letters theres not a word of it so wee believe theres Nothing in it.

We have had a Complaint from Capt. Hayes Commander of the Howland, that his Carpenter Mate Ambrose Addams (whose servis is of great use to his Ships) has Deserted him and tis said gone downe to your Port on Capt. Hart, & as he believes seduced by Capt. Harnett & y^{e}. Owners of Ship Good hope, to Discourage such Practices which may be of very bad Consequence to the Company some time or other, wee desire you to seize the aforesaid Person & send him up by y^{e}. Sepr. Ship when wee shall have a Conveniency to send him to Surratt to serve in the Ship he belonged to, & if wee can Discover y^{e}. Persons that Seduced him they shall be severely fined for y^{e}. same.

Coppy of our Last Letter by Capt. Hart Dated the primo Ins^{t}. with Second Bill of Loading for what Laden on him comes inclosed.

Wee formerly wrote you Concerning The Effects of John Rozario Deceased, to which you gave answer in yours of the 3d of Aprill that the said Persons Effects was in the hands of M^{r}. Russell who would Take care of the same, There is in his Chest or screwtore an Obligation of one Casma Dei for 150 Pag^{s}. Lent him by said Rozario who Denys not the Debt & will Pay it to those who deliver him up his Obligation, he being now in Bengall, wee desire the same be Done & Rec̃d by M^{r}. Russell as allso all other Debts shall be found due to him, & y^{e}. Ballance paid (after his Creditors are satisfied) to M^{r}. Curkanvill whom M^{r}. Empson has given order about it, M^{r}. Empson Further Informs us that he has heard Rozario Complain that one Henry Moore was Indebted to him to y^{e}. best of his Remembrance 170 Rupees which he could not gett from him, so was the Reason of Rozarios goeing to Bengall, Wee are

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LIST OF YE. PACQUETT TO BENGALL ℘ SHIP MARY.

N°. 1 Fort St. George Genll. to Bengall Dated 12 July 1703.
2 Coppy of D°. Dated the Primo July 1703.
3 Coppy of Mr. Samll. Woollstons Accott. Currtt.
4 Coppy of the forme of a Lease given by ye. Presidt. and Councill of Fort St. George to Inhabitants there.
5 Coppy of a Letter from Aleppo dated [11th] Febry. 170⅔ recd ℘ Ship Munsoon from Persia.
6 2d Bill of Loading for Copper Loaden on Brigganteen Endeavour.
7 Coppy of the Twenty four Manugers of ye. United Trade to the East Indies, Letter to ye. Govr. of Bombay or Presidt. & Councill att Surratt dated ye. 24th Sepr. 1703.
8 Coppy of a Paragraph of ye. Rt. Honble. Compas. Instructions to Thoms. Pitt Esqr. &ca. Councill at Madrass.

No. 43.

FORT ST. GEORGE 20TH JULY 1703.

TO THE HONBLE. SR. JNO. GAYER
GENLL. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
&CA. COUNCILL ATT SURRATT.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our Last to you was Dated ye. 30th Aprill & 18 May Coppy of which comes inclosed by Cossetts sent Via Anjangoe, Since which wee have Recd Yours of ye. 20th Febry. 28th Aprill, 15th, 18th, 21st & 26 May with all Papers According to List.

Our Trade here is but very little at presant but what there is goes on as formerly, You advise that the Kings Hosbul[h]okum for Takeing of ye. Restraint was arrived in your Parts, & they write the same from Bengall, but say that the Prince will have a Considerable Presant before they have the Fruits of itt, The new Compas. people tis said have given him about 15000 Rupees & ours have Deferrd it, till the Arrivall of our Masters Shiping, Wee hear of no Hosbulhokum come to these Parts, though wee Believe there is, & this has been hinted to us that wee must expect None without a Considerable Present, which wee shall not agree to unless compelld by Urgent Necessitys.

Wee are apt to believe that the Unaccountable behaviour of Capt. Lambert has very much prejudiced the Compas. Intrest as to the Freighting of their Ships in these parts & by wt. you write wee find it has Effected your Shiping Likewise.

If Sr. Nicholas has been Tampering with the great men for a Phirmaund he will find it difficult to come off, of that matter without a Considerable Charge.

Wee Received Mr. Forbes Account wth. Mr. Du Bois's & shall Debt your Presidency for the Ballance thereof as allso for ye. Amount of his Outcry, the produce of his Effects are in Mr. Broomes hands you say was sent to England to satisfie the Rt. Honble Companys first Demands according to Contract wth. them, wch. wee allwayes thought had been Discharged before he Left England, he has Nothing left here now but the house his Widdow lives in, which wee wait the Compas. orders for the disposall thereof, for that he will still be Considerable Indebted to them.

Wee Observe wt. you write about the Dutch, who have sufficient Force to Obliege the Government to doe them Rite, Notwithstanding which they Truckled to them, & doe the same in these parts giveing them large Presants & bear with theire Insolences, from which we can make no other Inference but that tis to

Involve us (wee mean all other Europe Nations) hopeing twill obliege us to break with them, when they can Ballance theire Account at theire Leisure.

Wee wish ye. Loyall Bliss & Nathaniell safe to Arrive in England whose Cargoes are Considerable to ye. Burthen of the Ships.

The Expedition Sloop was run away with from Bencoolin by the Surgeon theire Mr. Davis & one that he Carryed of Shoar with him, they came from Atchien directly hither, & Complain of hard Usage which oblieged them to so desperate an undertakeing wee Confined them here for a Considerable Time intending to bring them upon theire Tryall, when undoubtedly they must have sufferd, but instead of Wittnesses *Vive Voce* they have sent us Affidavids from Bencoolin, so that the Docter is att Liberty giveing securety and the othe[r] still in Prison.

Mr. Thoms. Wright has paid into the Rt. Honble. Compas. Cash 511 Pags. 24 Fanams on Account of Mr. Edward North Deceased, for which wee have given him our Bill as you direct.

Yours of ye. 18th May your drawing of 2 Bills on us for five Thousand 440 Pagodaes 3[f]ns. wch. shall be Complied with, but Desire for ye. Future youll mention wt. Rupees or after what Rate to pay it in Pags.

Wee thank you for ye. news inclosed in Yours of the 21st May & your other Letters.

The Munsoon Arrived here ye. 2d July & wee expect the Colchester here Next month ye. former brought us ye. good & great News of our Fleet having Taken & Distroyed all the Galloons & ye. French Convoy with them att Vigoe, which wee Doubt not but you have had a ꝑticuler Account thereof Long Since.

Wee think Mr. Bruces answer very insufficient Concerning his Detaining Capt. Lamberts Effects & wee hear intends to doe the Same with Capt. Rouse's wch. if so, his Widdows undone, Mr. Bruce by the Phœnix never Advised us that he had a Penny of Capt. Lamberts in his hands, nor could wee tell where to Fix it, till wee Perused his Papers, amongst which wee found a Foule Coppy of the Sale of his Goods, from which wee drew out an Account, & Charged Mr. Bruce with it, for that ye. Capt. Purser, & Capt. Lamberts servant[s] gave it here upon oath that they knew of no more of Capt. Lamberts Effects then wt. they then Deliverd us, We know it is the Companys Orders which is Stricktly Complied with here, that the Effects of theire Covenanted Servants deceased shall be paid into theire Cash, but this is a Commander of a Ship, who Generally Take up money att Bottomrey so that if ye. Effects are not returned on the same Ship his Widdow or Chilldren if any be, must not onely pay the Bottomrey on that Ship that it came on but Likewise run the Resgoe on what Ship it shall Returne & this will be the Poor Widdow Rouse's case, if Mr. Bruce should be so Imprudent as to detain his Effects, Wee refer the Consideration of this matter to your Honr. &c.a Councill, & if it Quadrates with your Judgment, wee desire you will be pleased to give your orders to the Gentlemen in Persia, to return the Effects of any Commander, Purser, & any other Officer, that shall Dye there belonging to the Ships of this Coast, on ye. Same Ship they belong to.

Wee Thank you for your orders to ym. to supply us wth. what Procureable wee wrote for.

Wee Observe the meanness of ye. New Compas. Ships Cargoes sent for England, which will hardly pay Freight, Custome, & Demorage.

Wee Doubt not but before this you have heard that the Orenzeb called att Angango in Aprill last, & it was believed that she would winter at Carwarr or Tutecareen ye. Commander & Supra Cargoes of her was so unkind as [not] to write us one line, nor doe we hear when wee may expect the Chamber Friggott nor the Blessing belonging to this Port, but on ye. 23rd last month there arrived the Hallifax a new Companys Ship at Metchlepatam who left Canton 25th March who in the Straits before she came to Mallacca mett wth. French Ships Supposed to be about 30 Gunns each & full of men, they hoisting English Colours, when they Took them for Ship from this Port wch. Induced them to send their boat on Board whose Crew they Examined Stricktly about ye. Warr of which the Halli-

fax's people knew Nothing of itt so they discharged their Boat & made the best of their way through the Straits being bound to Canton where they was expected last Year, but Looseing their passage believe they have lain at Brasell or Thereabouts, & know Nothing of the Warr with England, The Hallifiax tells us that the Chamber Friggott Canterbury & Blessing belonging to this Port lay all the Year in China, for that the Merchants with whom they had to doe with is gone up in the Countrey to Buy theire Goods, but when or Ever he will Return is uncertain, & that another Ship the Blessing belonging to Surratt or Bombay Capt. Gainey Commander was att Mallacca with half her Stock bound for this Port & went back to China but not Fetching itt wee suppose shes gone to Atchien.

We Thought Capt. Sayes Ship had hardly been in Being, wee long since hearing that he designed her for Pegue, but our shipping thence brought no news of her Arrivall.

Wee were formerly Desireous of Surratt wheat, which now wee doe not Covett unless it will come at the same Price as Bengall wch. wee find fall out as good & much Cheaper, The Shallocs & Garden Seeds would have been Wellcome to us, of which wee desire a Yearly Supply as oppertunity Offers.

Wee heartily Congratulate ye. Arrivall of ye. Regard & believe ye. French Ships that Chast her were those mett in ye. Straits of Mallaca by ye. Hallifax, The Mary, Capt. Lyell is att Zelone but wee Dont hear of ye. Katharine.

Coppy of the Manugers Letter wee have sent to Metchlepatam & Bengall & Thank you for the news that Accompanyed it.

Wee have likewise had News from the Cape & Marautius that they much feared the Loss of ye. Bedford for that peices of a Wreck Variously reported Came Ashoar att Marautius, If True (wch. God Forbid) She must have mett with the Misfortune of being blowne up, For had she been Lost on the Marautius, Some of her People would have been saved, & all that wee Comfort our selves with, is, that either She gott to St. Hellina After the Fleet was Gone or so near ye. Cape that she returned to Augusteen Bay to winter haveing been there Last Voyage Outward Bound.

The Presidt. Acquaints us he wrote ye. Genll. Some time agoe wt. News the Pembrook Friggott brot: us Relateing to the Pyratts, A relation of wch. wee hear Againe Enclose, Which News hindred Severall Ships Proceeding from this Port Through the Straits of Mallacca, Which proves not onely Detrimentall to the Proprietors, but very much to ye. Compa. in their Customes, The Pembrook Friggott Proceeds hence to your Port Under the Convoy of The Howland Messrs. Fenwick and Bennitt Supra Cargoes whom wee recommend to your Favour & protection.

The 11th Day of Last month here Arrived the Union Capt. Goodsoule, and Messrs. Cliffe & Bebbington Supra Cargoes, Designed from England to China but Looseing theire Passage Loaded Pepper att Bencoolin to Amount of wch. ye. Company Orderd us to supply Them wth. silver, but they had disposed of the Rest of their Cargoe att Battavia for Gold, Soe that they wanted in silver near the Amount of their whole Stock On their Arrivall wee Acquainted them of the News of the Pyratts & laid before them the Danger of their Proceeding to China, yett Nevertheless they Resolved to Procicute their Voyage & prayed our best Assistance, & if possible a good Ship to Accompany them in order thereto wee made Proposalls to the London, who wanted Silver for their Stock as did allso ye. proprieters of the Sedgwick whose Stock [yt.] was intended for China was not Sufficient to bear the Charge of so great a Ship to obviate wch. Difficulty wee Resolved to Take out the Silver of the Howland, which wee could have disposed off att 76 Dollers weight for Ten Pags. & wod. have sent you the full Amount Thereof in Vinetians & Chuckeens, but Capt. Matthews being Jealous that if he went for China he should not returne soon enough to save his passage for England, wee could not prevaile with him, to come under any obligation to stay in China longer then the 22d. of December, wch. the Supra Cargoes not thinking

Sufficient time to doe their busieness, made them desist from any further treaty about itt, so that the Union Saild the 9th. Inst.. alone for China.

By a Sloop from the West Coast who arrivd att Vizagapatam, wee were advisd that the Gloster Friggatt, was arriv'd att Bencoolen who brought us Coppy of the 24 maneigers Letters with Pacquetts for Metchlapm. and Bengall wch. were forwarded Accordingly.

The Dutch report on this Coast that they had receiv'd advices from Surratt, which Sr. John Gayer acquainted their Directore he had just then recd. Letters from Bombay adviseing that three french Ships were arrivd att Goa on wch. was a new Directore to releive Mons. Polyboine and that he was gone overland to Surratt this news was Dated the 18 May new Style, but your Letters mention nothing of itt wee give no Credit to itt.

The 10th. Instant here arrd from the N°ward a Deans Long boat, wch. came from a Europe Ship of theirs who fetch in abt. 5 Leagues to the N°ward of Pollicatt, they left Denmark in October and came from the Cape the begining of [May] where they mett with a Seperate Stock ship bound for the South Seas who told them they came out of England with a great fleet of Mercht. men bound to all parts, so that wee hourly Expect our Ships, when shall be sure to advise you what news they bring, this Ship allsoe Confirms the Victory att Vigo.

Capt. Lambert carry'd hence with him Mr. Thoms. Bowyer who had Severall goods upon the Ship, wch. the ffreighters, on her returne Charg'd Capt. Lambert with, wch. he Suspecting in Gombroon, took a note from Mr. Bowyer to make itt good if he paid itt, Coppy of wch. comes inclos'd the freight for wch. goods wee likewise here send the Acct. which wee desire you will recover of Mr. Bowyer that wee may Creditt Capt. Lamberts Acct. for the same.

The Company sent you but five soldiers on the Howland, of wch. one prov'd a female with whom one of the mates lay with on board and married here, who wee made pay fifty Six Pagodas to defray the Companys Charges wch. wee will bring to ye. Creditt of your Presidency, The souldiers came hither in a weak Condition and without any manner of Cloathing, so we took them ashoar and refresht them, and bought them Cloths as ℔ the Paymasters Acct. thereof comes inclosd, desireing you'l Creditt us for the same.

Wee hope this Ship will gain her Passage to you, and if itt should fall out otherwise it is the Capts. fault, and must lye att his door, for he was advis'd here to goe Sooner hence.

Capt. John Wyatt who formerly serv'd att Bombay dyed here the 9 Instant indebted to one of the Companys Factors Mr. Wm. Finch one hundred Pagodas and not haveing left here wherewithall to pay him and there being a report that he has houses and Gardens and other Effects in Bombay wch. wee desire you'l be pleas'd to order your Paymaster to inquire into, and sell what he can find belonging to him and remitt the produce to us by Bill that so his Debt may be Satisfi'd here.

In yours of the 28th. Aprill you Acknowledge the receipt of severall of ours but neither the originall nor Coppy of that of the 28th. Aprill 1702 wch. wee now inclose a Coppy, and desire you will be pleas'd to send by the first safe Conveyance, the originall Jentue Phirmaund of this Place as mention'd therein. Wee are

Honble. Srs. &ca.
Your Assured Freind & Humble. Servants

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO SURRATT ℘ SHIP HOWLAND FRIGGATT VIZT.

N°. 1 Fort S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}. to Surratt dated 20 July 1703.
N°. 2 Coppy of Ditto to Surratt dated 30 Aprill & 18th. May 1703.
3 Coppy of D^{o}. to Surratt dated 28 Aprill 1703.
4 Paymast^{r}. Acc^{t}. Charges for Clothing souldiers on board Ship Howland.
5 Coppy of M^{r}. Bowyers receipt to Capt. Lambert to bare him harmless for what he loaded on his Ship.
N°. 6 Coppy of an Acc^{t}. Tonnage of M^{r}. Bowyers Goods carried with him on the Phœnix for Persia.
N°. 7 Coppy of M^{r}. Edward Fenick &c^{a}. Narrative relateing to the Pyrats.

No. 44.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 26TH JULY 1703.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

Yours of the 8th. Ins^{t}. wee rec^{d}. the 14th. and that of the 20th. the 24th.

They have not as yett adjusted that busieness of Somiahs amongst them wch. when done shall advise you thereof till when lett the mony remain as itt is.

M^{r}. Bawgus is not in the Compa^{s}. Service but suspended long since upon Acc^{t}. of his Debt with the Company *ab officio ett beneficio* and when he has paid that tis our order that he be discharg'd.

As Paddy grows Cheap rents will most certainly fall, and therefore we cant but approve the letting out of your bounds, but how you will come to know whether Trimmelau looses upon his tenth part theres the difficullty.

Wee sent home on the last Ship your monthly Acc^{ts}. of your Beetle and Tobacco and Ganjee therefore pray in your next send us an Acc^{t}. of the yearly am^{t}. of y^{e}. same, and wee are intirely of opinion that tis the Companys Interest to farm out such revenues, but you must see such Farmers doe not oppress the inhabitants, and make such orders therein as to prevent the same, therefore if you can lett that revenue for more than itt made their's no reason you should continue itt in your hands.

Wee observe what you write about Mollem, that he Acts as if he intended to leave our Town of Caddalore, the Companys debt must be demanded of him, but with that tenderness due to one who has been so Serviceable to the Company on severall occassions.

Our Cash att present is very low therefore desire you to desist drawing bills on us on Acc^{t}. of your Merch^{ts}. wee daily Expect^{g}. our Europe Shipping, who if not arrives speedily shall by some means or other make a provission to Supply you.

You have not Exceeded our orders nor expectation in your present to Dowd Cawn being well assur'd the Dutch and French gave more.

Wee observe what you about the demands of M^{r}. Cracow the Dutch resident in behalf of one of their Merch^{ts}. who by no means we must suffer to gett any footing in the Town of Cuddalore, the Conquest of the Morattoes extinguishes all manner of right, and more especially that of Woddana Chittees, who deserted his habitation upon Acc^{t}. of the forementioned Conquest besides the inquiry of M^{r}. Hatsell, (is very remarkable) what houses and possession belong'd to the Duan, because those particular devolv'd upon the English, of wch. a List was given in, and that included, therefore if M^{r}. Cracow presses this matter farther, you tell him he has neither reason, Justice nor y^{e}. Law of nations, or Armes to

Justifie his demands, besides itt must be observ'd that Widdana Chitte did not purchase this ground but was given him, by him, that was then in possession, wch. the Successors may Choose whether he will ratifie.

Inclosd is Coppy Paragraph of our Consultation on the 15th. Instant relateing to y^e^. keeping of Books from the 22^d^. July 1703 wch. our Accomptant does now observe and wee order you to doe the same. We are

S^rs^.
Your Affectionate Freinds
and Humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 45.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 26TH. JULY 1703.

To M^R^. STEPHEN FREWEN
CHEIF &C^A^. COUNCILL ATT METCH^M^.

S^RS^.

Our last to you was dated the 5th. Instant, since wch. wee have rec^d^. yours of the 3^d^. D^o^.

In Letters you formerly wrote us you advis'd that your Merch^ts^. had brought in the full quantity of Chay goods agreed for in their Contracts wch. are those we Wrote about and no other therefore examin your Contracts, and if you find any wanting oblige them to bring them in.

Wee paid your Bill for one hundred and Ninety Pagodas, unless the Merch^ts^. make a Considerable Abatem^t^. we cant think of an Investment.

Wee'l send a Bond hence to y^e^. Porteguez for the 750 Pagodas he has paid in.

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 46.

To WILLIAM TILLARD ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY
&C^A^ COUNCILL ATT METCHLAP^M^.

S^RS^.

Wee receiv'd a Letter from your Presid^t^. the 13 Instant dated the 4th., and with itt a Coppy of a Letter from the Honble Managers for the united trade dated the 24th. Septemb^r^. 1702, which we shall strictly observe and act accordingly, and on the 11th. Instant we rec^d^. the same Coppy from S^r^. John Gayer &c att Surratt, wch. wee were sending to you, but prevented by yours before mentioned, the receipt of wch. wee had sooner Acknowledg'd but defer'd itt upon our expectation of the arrivall of our Europe Shipping.

There is arriv'd 5 or 10 Leagues to the N°ward of Pollicatt a Danes Ship, who left Denmark in October, and Confirms to us the Victory att Vigo, was att the Cape the latter end of Aprill where he mett with a Ship belonging to y^e^. Seperate Stock bound to the Coast of Java, who told him that he came out wth. a great Fleet of Merch^t^. men bound to all parts, wee have not to add but are

S^rs^.
Your Most Humble Servants,

FORT S^T^. GEORGE,
26TH JULY 1703.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 47.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 28TH. JULY 1703.

To M^R^. SIMON HOLCOMB
CHEIF &C^A^. COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAP^M^.

Our last to you was dated the 5th. ins^t^. Coppy whereof comes inclos'd since wch. wee have rec^d^. none from you, so that wee nothing more to add, then wee desire you to send by the first oppertunity to Bengall, Capt. Adams Bill of loading indorsd, for sundrys you rec^d^. from hence by the Mary Bowyer, the Presid^t^. and Councill there in their Generall to us desireing the same, then to forward the inclosed paper wch. do you observe being an order of the Councill here, that all Accomptants under this Presidency do follow the instructions therein mentioned, for the better methodizeing y^r^. Acc^ts^. from the 22^d^. July 1703, as orderd by the Company and the 24 Mannagers for the united Trade. Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 48.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. DAVID &C^A^. COUNCILL.

S^RS^.

Wee have none of yours unanswer'd so that this to advise that the Colchester arriv'd here from Persia y^e^. 17th. Instant which enables us to pay your Merchants part of what remains due to them for wch. Acc^t^. you may draw on us a Bill for Six thousand Pagodas, what news they bring from Persia comes here inclos'd.

You are very remiss in sending us your Consultations, and Diary Acc^t^. Cash and expence of Dyett monthly, wch. is the Companys possitive orders, wee desire for the future may be duely compli'd with all, and what in arrears to be forthwith sent, and in your next let us have an Acc^t^. how many Bales, all the goods in your hands of ours, and your Merch^ts^. will Am^t^. to, and what abatement

your Merchts. will make on a new Investment, for that Cotton in your parts is very Cheap so that unless wee can send y^e^. Company goods much Cheaper then what sent last year the best service we can do them is to sett still.

Wee hear the Howland was att your Port wch. wee much wonder att, considering she went late hence, we desire you to write us w^tt^. busieness she had there and whether she landed or shipt off any goods with the particulars thereof. Wee are

S^rs^.
Your Affectionate Freinds &
Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE,
20TH. AUGUST 1703.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 49.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 20 AUG^T^. 1703.

To M^R^. SIMON HOLCOMB
CHEIF &C^A^. COUNCILL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

S^RS^.

Yours of the 12th. past wee receiv'd not till the 18th. Instant occassiond as they advise from Metchlap^m^. by the troubles between that place and yours.

You may send the Buff Coat to Metchlapatam or returne itt hither as you please.

Wee observe what you Write of Rustumdell and how you intend to deal with him if he comes to your place, wch. we doubt not but will be to our satisfaction.

The Books wee wrote you for we have rec^d^. with your warehousekeepers Acc^t^. and hope in a little time shall hear, that the Goods you have provided in the Aska Country are arriv'd with you.

Wee have no Shipping yett arriv'd tho' by way of Batavia, wee here that the Tavestock, Dutchess, and Sommers are design'd for the Coast and Bay.

Your bills for three thousand five hundred rupees, and 888 : 4^a^, and 500 Pag^s^. shall be paid, but for the future you must advise what rupees are paid into the Companys Cash, what weight & w^tt^. matt, that so they may be repaid here in rupees sutable thereunto, or a computation made in Pag^s^. and what difference there is between our Madrass Rupees, and the rupees of your country att your place.

The President tells us he has mony due this month in your parts wch. he will order to be paid into the Companys Cash wch. you are to receive and give bills on us for the same which wee order to be appropriated to the increasing of your Investment according to our former orders and remember alsoe you paid up a proportion of Long Cloth and Sallampores brown. Wee are

S^rs^.
Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOM^S^: WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 50.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 25 AUG^T^. 1703

TO THE HON^BLE^ JOHN BEARD ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HON^BLE^. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AND GOV^R^. OF FORT WILLIAM &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Our last to you was dated y^e^. 12th. of past month coppy of wch. comes inclosd, since wch. on the 17th. Instant here arriv'd y^e^. Colchester from Persia on whom comes severall Armenians, who complain of Injustice done by Capt. Rouse wch. we are about adjusting with them, and shall acquaint you in the Sequall of this Letter, what conclusion wee make.

M^r^. Bruce has most unaccountable kept all the Effects of Capt. Rouse, which must tend to y^e^. ruin of y^e^. Widdow, more especially if he has taken up all or most part of itt att Bottomrie.

Here was a rumour that the Ship was leaky wch. occasioned the orderring a Surveigh upon her, the report of which is here inclos'd, yett after all wee can't but think she requires cleaning and good Caulking and that leak stopt in her Stern, before she be laden Home.

The Companys orders hither are possitively to send them yearly a September Ship wch. was an advantage to them in Selling the Cargoe the begining of the Summer, ships going out then to all parts whatever, but itt being now a Warr and all their ships orderd to stay att S^t^. Helena for Convoy, they cant reap that advantage, but then cutts off about four months demorage, the owners in Charterparty being obliged to Stay where they shall order to join others of their ships, or wait for Convoy att y^r^. own Charge, itt being for the mutuall preservation of ship and Cargoe, but we fear this ship late returne from Persia, will hardly give you an oppertunity to load her for this place before the munsoon, which if you can do we shall be ready to give her a quick dispatch on her arrivall here, and itt would be a great direction to us to know the certainty which we hope to hear by your next letters overland, for if your Petre be not come down, we cant expect her, so that if the Gloster arrives from the west Coast with Pepper, we will return her thither again with 1000 or 1200 Baggs of this Petre by us, some redwood and four or five hundred Bales which wee cant doe if wee are to dispatch the Colchester.

Wee have inclosd a List of stores we desire you to send for this Garrison and that you will oblige those that have the Charge to provide them to send us the best of their sorts, and wish you could rather increase then diminish the quantity of Salt Petre, not only that it is Warr time, but the Company have now orderd that we should supply the West Coast with Salt petre for Kentlage for their shipping.

We wrote to Persia about M^r^. Harbins mony wee attacht in Presid^t^. Beards hands, y^e^. Answer thereto comes inclosd to wch. we referr you.

Here being none as yett of our Ships arrivd from Europe and beleive if they come late near this Coast, they will goe directly to your Port, where arriving late may not find you in a Condition to returne them laden in January, which may put you upon Freighting one of them for Persia if so we desire you to reserve a priviledge of bringing six Horses for the Company and stores for this Garrison as ℘ List inclos'd.

Wee have by us att this time here and att Fort S^t^. David, near about fifteen hundred Bales, but no stock for a new Investment, tho design if meet with encouragement either here or att Fort S^t^. David by goods being Cheaper then formerly shall goe about procureing Seven or eight hundred Bales more for that the Colchester must be dispatch't as allso the Chambers Friggatt if she arrives in Jan^ry^.

Since writeing the foregoing we have with much difficulty satisfied the demands of the Armenians, Coppy of which comes inclos'd, and have agreed thus that Capt. Ro[use and t]hose that had goods on board are to pay freight for 20 Tonn att 84 rupees ℔ Tonn, wch. the Capt. and M^r^. Walker are to adjust in their Passage down, and what is Capt. Rouse proportion wee desire you to pay and by first oppertunity write to Gombroon that they make good the same Amount out of his Effects, and pay itt into the Companys Cash, and wee will allsoe write thither by the first oppertunity by way of Surratt, and altho the Voyage is att an end according to y^e^. strictness of the Contract, wee have permitted them to Carry what Persia Goods remains on board, with what measure brought thence and their Persons ffreight free to your port, in Consideration the Ship did not proceed to Busserah and that they have paid Considerable custom here, besides to Sweeten them up a little who we find have been Sowerd in the Voyage.

Wee have putt on board redwood according to Charterparty, and have sent you two hundred Candy more, and six hundred Black stone as ℘ Invoice and bill of loading inclosd, likewise the Ships Charterparty wch. wee desire you will returne with her.

And if the Colchester should not return for a Septr. Ship we doubt not but you will send the Expedition Sloop to us as formerly desired.

Capt. Reid took up in Persia Six Thousand Shahee Am^ts^. to Dollars 363$\frac{5}{8}$ for which we have taken his receipt and he is to be Answerable for the same to y^e^. Company after the rate of what she took up according to Charterparty. Wee are

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^. Your Affectionate
Freinds & Humble Servt[s]^.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^S^: MARSHALL.
JN^O^: MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL ℘ SHIP COLCHESTER.

No. 1 Fort S^t^. George Gen^ll^. Letter to Bengall dated 25 August 1703.
2 Coppy dittos Gen^ll^. to Bengall dated 12th July 1703.
3 Invoice of Ship Colchester.
4 Bill of loading of Ditto.
5 Ship Colchester Charterparty to be return'd wth. the Ship.
6 Coppy of Capt. Reids dispatch to Bengall.
7 Coppy of the report of the surveigh of ship Colchester.
8 Coppy of a Paragraph of Gombroon Generall to Fort S^t^. George about M^r^. Harbins mony.
9 List of stores wanting in this Garrison from Bengall.
10 List of stores &c^a^. wanting in this Garrison from Persia.
11 Coppy of the Freighters of ship Colchester petition and charge against the Commander of said Ship.

No. 51.

TO CAP^T^. ALEXANDER REID
COMMANDER OF SHIP COLCHESTER.

Upon receipt of this you are to repair on board your ship wind and weathe[r] permitt^s^. to weigh your Anchor and shape your course for the speedy attaining the road of Ballasore when on your arrivall by the first oppertunity you are to send our Pacquett to Fort William directed to the Honble Presid^t^. Beard and Councill who[se] orders you are to follow for your future disposall and in regard wee have a Warr you are to keep your ship in a posture

of defence, and avoid what possible you can speaking with any ship att sea and be sure not only keep good looking out in your passage down, but likewise when you draw nigh the road for fear of french ships lying there which if you should discover, we doubt not you'll doe [your best] part to preserve your Ship, by returneing hither or some other means.

Here was a rumour as if your Ship was defective but upon the surveigh here ordered, itt is otherways reported but Generally beleiv'd she extreamly wants Caulking, within and wth. out board, w[ch]. you must be sure to do before you take in any of the Companys Goods, and likewise stop your leak in your Stern, we enjoyn you to be Civill to your passengers of all sorts more especially M[r]. Walker the Companys Factor who you are to treat Accordingly; we wish you a good Voyage and safe arrivall att your Port. Dated in Fort S[t]. George 26 August 1703.

Fort S[t]. George 25th. August 1703.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of stores wanting from Bengall Vizt.

Gunnys for wrappers Two thousand p[s].	2000
Wax Cloth four hundred p[s].	400
Gunnys Ten thousand peices	10000
Ropes Ten Candy	10 Candy.
Twine six Candy	6 D[o].
Wax Ten Candy	10 D[o].
Salt Petre four thous[d]. Bags	4000 Bags.
Oyl fifty Jarrs	50 Jarrs.
Rice very good five hundred bags	500 bags.
Wheet Rundypore new & good four hundred ...	400 D[o].
Fine twine one Candy	1 Candy.
Butter 20 Jarrs	20 Jarrs.

List of what wanting from Persia.

Shyrash Wine one hundred Chests	100 Chests.
Rosewater twenty Chests	20 D[o].
Vineagar four Chests	4 D[o].
Almonds, Pistahes, Kissmases and Raisons one hundred & fifty Mds. Taberre	150 Maunds.
Carpets Carminia large about 24 or 25 foot Long breadths proportionable one p[r].	
Horses six young, sound and beautifull with such marks upon them as makes them esteem'd by the Persians	
Some Garden Seeds the newest that can be gott putt up in bottles well stop't	

No. 52.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 30TH. AUGUST 1703.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}. &C. COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

Our last to you was the 20th. of this month since wch. we have rec^{d}. yours of the 18th.

Somiahs Partner is not here present att the Writeing of this Letter, so att this time can give you no farther direction therein.

When M^{r}. Bawgus has adjusted his Acc^{ts}. and paid the ballance he is to be then att his leberty to reside att that place or here but as to the Companys Service, he was discharg'd long since and Considering what is past twould be no small dishonour to readmitt him wch. we shall not doe.

Wee rec^{d}. your last years Acc^{ts}. of the tobacco Beteele and Ganjee att Cuddalore and Tavenapatam, about which wee wrote you fully in our letter of the 20th. past month.

Wee approve your [leasing the] arrack Farms.

Wee in some measure answerd the Complaints of your Merchants in our last when gave you leave to draw on us to the Am^{t}. of six thousand Pagodas.

Herewith comes an Answer to M^{r}. Haynes querys. Wee rec^{d}. the fou'le Consultation Books, wch. shall be compared with the fair one and when signed by M^{r}. Fraser returned you.

In our last we wrote you to try what abatement, your Merchants will make upon an Investment, and since we hear cloth is so Cheap in your parts that they are buying Cotton to bring hither and good long cloth to be bought for twenty four Pagodas ℘ Corge, we allsoe wrote you about your ommission in remitting your monthly Acc^{ts}. and this is to add the Companys orders thereupon which is whoever in their Service in any place of trust shall monthly pass their Acc^{ts}. in Consultation of the proceeding month, and whoever omitts doing the same for the first offence he is to forfeit a quarter Sallary for y^{e}. second, half a years, and for the third to be suspended of the Companys Service, and these are their orders which we desire you to put in Execution for the future, the same allsoe relates to the Gen^{ll}. Books whose Journall ℘cells are to be read monthly in Consultation.

Wee hear nothing of Dowd Cawns comeing to Conimeer, nor of Sileman Cawn haveing an Employ in y^{e}. Country.

Since writeing the foregoing wee have entertain'd M^{r}. Charles Attkins in the Room of Doctor Royer deceas'd and now dispatch him to you with such Medicines as he could conveniently carry with him, hopeing you [will use] his abilitys and behaviour such as to deserve continuance of him in that Employ. Wee are

S^{rs}.
Your Affectionate Freinds & Hum^{ble}. Servants
THOM^{s} : PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOM^{s}. WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOM^{s}. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 53.

FORT ST. GEORGE 10TH. SEPTEMBER 1703.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPTY. GOVR. &CA. COUNCILL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

Yours of the second Instant wee recd. the 4th. your Bill for six thousand Pagodas is not yett presented us, but when itt is shall be duely comply'd with.

You say you shall speedily gett made up eighty or Ninety Bales which will compleat your Contract, which by the Acct. you long since sent us, we thought itt had then been done, In your next lett us know the Exact Number of Bales by you supposeing you had some before.

Wee long to hear the event of whtt. we wrote you about a new Investment, for wee must provide for the loading of the Chambers Friggatt.

The Howlands pretence for calling att your port was very frivolous, for we believe not a man knew any thing of itt here.

There must of necessity be conveniences [ma]de for the silk w[orms which] can itt be expected they will answer the end.

Upon a Boat this day wee send you a Chest of Physick and factors provissions as ℘ Invoice and Tandells receipt inclos'd. Wee are

Srs.
Your Affectionate Freinds & Humble. Servts.
THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 54.

FORT ST. GEORGE 14TH, SEPTR. 1703.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPTY. GOV . &CA. COUNCILL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

Our last to you was by Boat dated the 10 Instant coppy of which comes inclos'd, on wch. Boat wee sent you a Chest of Physick and Factor provissions wch. wee hope are or soon will arrive wth. you since which your bill for six thousand Pags. was presented and paid att sight.

Yours of the 10th. we recd. the 13th. and observe what progress you have made wth. your Merchts. relateing to a new Investment, but hope you will be able to bring them to a better abatement, then fifteen ℘ Ct. att least, in regard that Cotton is Cheap, and no Europeans but ourselves make but little if any Investment, the Amount we would have you Contract for is fifty thousd. Pagodas and the sorts of goods to bear in proportion to your last Investment, and if any sort be increase'd lett [itt be Chay] Longcloth and Sa[llam]pores wee hope this may be compleated by ye. 10th. of January and in fifteen days after you have agreed with them, wee will pay them Ten thousand Pags. and on the first of December ten thousand more and by the last of Febry. the remainder, and sooner if the Chambers Friggatt arrives, for whom their goods are prepared.

Wee expect the six thousand Pagodas last paid will near compleat the Ballance with your Merchts. which cod. not be sooner done for that in a late Letter from you, you advise you were then Embaleing goods that wod. Compleat

your Contract so that lett your Accomptant state the Account with your Merch[ts]. and send itt us by your next and we will forthwith take care to clear y[e]. Ball[ce].

The mony for these Contracts must be taken up att Interest w[ch]. we hope will be done att eight ℘ C[t]. and if you can procure the first ten thousand Pagodas att your place att those terms you may take itt up att three months certain.

Weė desire you to procure the Coppy of that order of the Presidents, that sent Mollem to Dowd Cawn and send itt us in your next.

Wee have perus'd your paper Cont[s]. the many charges on the trade of your place Am[ts]. to considerable, which att your first settling, wee beleive most part if not all might have been laid aside but since custome haveing revetted their pretentions, we must well consider before we give any directions therein for fear y[e]. Consequences prove worse then the present evill you are upon the spott, who we would advise you to Consult some of your uninterest, and Antient Inhabitants, and write us their opinions there on.

Wee shall [peruse the diaries] & Consultations Cash &c[a]. and Speedily give our opinions thereon, but att first sight your cash seems to be filled with many Charges that properly belongs to the Paymasters Acc[ts].

Wee would have you haisten what you can to conclude the Contract.

M[r]. Bullteel wrote the Presid[t]. a Letter which was imparted to us wherein he desires to be discharg'd the Companys Service intending to goe a Voyage w[ch]. he hopes may contribute to his health which wee agree to.

M[r]. Farmers Acc[t]. of Tobacco & Betteele and Ganjee for the month of July did not come in the Pacquett as mention'd. We are

S[rs].

Your Affectionate Freinds & Hum[ble]. Serv[ts].

THOM[s]: PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOM[s]: WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM[s]: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 55.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE 16TH SEPT[R]. 1703.

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOHN BEARD ESQ[R].
PRESID[T]. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]. HO[NBLE]. ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY IN BENGALL AND GOV[R]. OF FORT WILLIAM &C[A]. COUNCILL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Our last to you was 26th. past ℘ Ship Colchester, coppy of which comes inclos'd, who we hope arrivd safe with you but considering how she must be Caulkt and cleand, before she will be in a Condition to take in the Companys Goods wee beleive you will be hardly able [to haste]n her to us till aft[er the Munsoon] and if so wee desire you to give the Cap[t]. orders to call att Vizagap[m]. and Metchlapatam to take in what goods of the Companys ready, which wee beleive will not exceed above one hundred and fifty Bales.

Paddy has risen here within these ten days upwards of twenty five ℘ C[t]. and if we have not rain itt will again be very dear, so desire you will send us, what rice you can on the Comp[ns]. Ships bound to this Port but lett itt be very good.

By last letters from the West Coast wee expected by this time the Glocester would have bin here whose Cap[t]. Perhaps may chance to loose his way, and arrive att your port instead of this, when we desire you will open the Pacquett and send us Coppies thereof by the first Pattamars, reserveing the Originalls to come by the first ship, and if she comes loaden with Pepper wee desire you will unload itt and send us what you can spare thereof by the Colchester, beleiveing itt more the Companys Interest to send all y[e]. Pepper to England, than sell any

of itt in the Country, and if the Dep^{ty}. Govr. and Councill of Bencoolen should desire the return of the ship, adviseing they are makeing preparation for her Cargoe so as to dispatch her thence in Season, then we request that you'l lade on her Kentlage of salt Petre and red wood, and something more of each if you can spare itt, to lye ready there for other ships and return her to them so soon as possible to which if itt should happen they give no encouragement in their Letters, then as fearing we shall have no Shipping this year, you may load her home with what goods you have by you and fill her up with pepper requesting as before you'l send us the remain[der later] if you dispatch her so early as she can call here she may chance to join the Colchester and Chambers Friggatt.

Brimstone is here att present about thereteen Pag^{s}. a Candy which by reason of a great quantity we know is gone to your Port wee beleive itt will be much cheaper if so we desire you will buy for the Companys Acc^{t}. one hundred maund Bengall and send itt us by the first oppertunity.

By mistake the Capt. of the Colchester carry'd hence thirteen Chests of Rosewater, consignd to this place belonging to the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. wch. we desire you to returne with the ship unless you have occassion for some part of them.

You would doe us a kindness if you could send us such a quantity of Oyl and white lead as you did last year but the Oyl happened to be putt into a Butter Jarr which did itt a prejudice so desire you will order care to be taken of this to prevent the like. Wee are

Honble. S^{r}.

27 September. Your Affectionate Freinds & Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

Thomas Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

P.S.

Yours of the 21st. past month we rec^{d}. ℘ the Abednego Ketch who arriv'd here yesterday to wch. we shall give answer by Cosseds, who we design to dispatch hence to you in Few days.

Idem.

List of the Pacquett Viz^{t}.

N°. 1 Fort S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}. to Bengall dated 16th. and 27 Septr. 1703.
2 Coppy of D^{o}. dated 25th. August 1703.
3 List of stores wanting in this Garrison from Bengall.
4 List of D^{o}. wanted from Persia.

No. 56.

Fort S^{t}. George 21st. Septr. 1703.

To Gabriel [Roberts] Esqr.
Dep^{ty}. Govr. of Fort S^{t}. David &c^{a}. Councill.

The Presid^{t}. produced to us the Coppy of a letter in Dutch from the Gen^{ll}. and Councill of Batavia, in answer to a Gen^{ll}. Letter we wrote them concerning affairs of our R^{t}. Honble. Company, and read to us what your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. wrote him concerning the same which was not a little surpriseing in sev^{ll}. respects, and we cannot but resent his opening of itt, for alltho' his name was upon y^{e}. superscription yett he could not but know twas not for him, there being added to itt Govr. and Councill of Fort S^{t}. George and then afterwards his sending us a coppy of itt here instead of the originall, to answer itt, is very Extraordinary, and not such treatment as wee expected from any of our Companys settlem^{ts}. much less from a Subordination, so to make no more refflection on this matter att

present, we enjoyn you on receipt of this to send us the Letter and cover to itt, as itt came to the Dep^{ty}. Governour, with that, that came allsoe from Negapatam, who could not but know who was Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George, and when we returne our answer, wee shall take notice to them of their Error, both att Negapatam and Batavia.

Wee are impatient to hear what you have done about the Contract with your Merch^{ts}. if your Sec^{ry}. can write Dutch so very well surely he can translate itt which we order him to do and send it with the originall.

The Presid^{t}. shew'd a letter from M^{r}. Samuell Nelthorpe wherein he writes that he has not enjoy'd his health since he came to the country in des[iring lea]ve to returne to England by the first ship which is granted him, as allsoe y^{t}. you permitt to come hither by the first oppertunity. Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 57.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 23RD. SEPT^{R}. 1703.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICH^{D}. WATTS ESQ^{R}.
DEP^{TY}. GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCILL OF YORK FORT.

S^{RS}.

1. Our last to you was ℘ Ship Hampshire and few days after ℘ Ketch S^{t}. George both which being arrivd with you we send no coppy thereof, and since that time we have had no oppertunity of writeing to you.

2. On y^{e}. 8th of Septr. 1702 we are advis'd from Bengall that the John and Mary was arriv'd there Laden with round Pepper but whether Loaden in part or wholy was uncertain to us till we rec^{d}. yours of the 6th. July ℘ Ship Phœnix y^{e}. 15th. Jan^{ry}. last with the Accompanying Papers according to List.

3. Wee observe your haveing made Copper cash curr^{t}. to the N^{o}. ward with which we could have supplyd you att this time but for the uncertainty of this Vessell calling there or att your Port.

4. Wee very well approve of your ladeing the John Mary with Pepper, and dispatching her for this Port, but the Capt. was pleasd [to] mistake his Way and goe for Bengall, att the very time the Hampshire came thence hither [and] he immediately run up the river of his own head & risgoe and unloaded his Pepper and was dispatch't thence for England of which we have complaind to the Company not only again[st] the Commander (who wrote us not one line) but allsoe against the Presid^{t}. and Councill for meddling with a ship they had nothing [to] doe with, besides rather then we should have any of the Pepper they sold itt so that we had not one come to lade on the Phœnix.

5. Wee hope by the good use you'l make of itt the Company will find itt to their advantage, their reduceing the Penny in the Pound on Pepper to a half penny, by the incouragem^{t}. given to the Planting of itt, and Vessells tradeing to your port for that Commodity which must increase their revenues.

6. Wee know the Company is averst giveing their Serv^{ts}. dyett mony where there is conveniencys to keep a Generall Table which you are enjoin'd to mannage Fruggally and send your monthly Acc^{ts}. hither of the Expence thereof.

7. What enter'd in your Diarys of the 6th. of June 1702 relateing to what you did then att a Bitchar in obtaining the consent of the Rajahs to make fanams Curr^{t}. and their large promises of encreaseing their Pepper Plantations which will

be both acceptable services to the Company and for fanams wee will send you a plentifull supply as soon as we receive silver from England, and you must be sure to severely punish those you find counterfitting the same.

8. Wee have perus'd your Letter from Bantall dated 1st. of July, which seems to prognosticate troubles in those parts, which we hope you timely prevented, hearing nothing thereof since that time and hope you have had to make good success ag[ainst Rajah] Quassa Dagons att Coras.

9. Wee observe the frequent differences that happen between the Sultans Rajahs, &c., which your prudence must reconcile or widon as itt tends to our masters interest and Security of their Affairs, but, remember lett itt be your greatest care to keep matters in a Ballance between them, so that upon any suddain revolution, you may make advantages thereof.

10. We want to hear of your finishing the Pagar att Sillabar and to know whether itt answers ye. end expected.

11. Wee are glad to hear your men keep so well in health and hope the good provission you have made for their Lodging &c. will much contribute the continuance of itt.

12. Wee approve your entertaining Mr. John Manning a Factor and Thomas Upton a Writer and wish wee may see the good fruits thereof, for to us itt seems very surpriseing that since the arrivall of the Deputy Governour and Mr. Shaw there, we not had as much as one pair of books, notwithstanding the good assistance we have sent you hence, and to be plain with you without terming itt majesteriall, we are inform'd that when the Union came away there was not one line begun in the Generall Books to wch. we expect as punctuall an Answer as you were upon your oaths.

13. The encomium you give of Priaman is enducement enough to erect a settlement, but that can't be done without the Companys possitive orders, besides before any such thing be attempted we must be well informed of the Dutch pretention thereto.

14. Wee shall by all oppertunitys send you what slaves procureable which you must train up to such Trades you want them for, for tis impossible to perswade those handicrafts you desire to goe from hence.

15. Wee beleive the Company [d]o's hardly allow the Commander and officers their Charterparty Tonnage from Port to Port in India who we doubt not but will dispute that Pepper them to Ship off.

16. Wee wish the Company may see their prime cost for that Benjamin you bought of Capn. Renox, wch. should be a good Bargain by your allowing 15 ℘ Ct. Interest, wee paid Capt. Phrip on that Acct. as follows

6th Febry. 170½ Dollars 1776 : 3 : 01.
16 Ditto 170⅔ Dollars 1011 : 3 : 01.

both which sums being the amt. you mention of 2788 : 3 : but we left the interest to be adjusted with him by your Selves, conceiveing we cannot answer to the Company paying such extravagant Interest and order you never to doe the like for the future.

17. Wee observe what you write of Mr. John Davis your Surgeon, who came thither with the expedition Sloop on 21st of December, haveing calld att Atcheen where he sold Pepper amts. to Pags. 258: 34. 3 which is paid into the Companys Cash here, and since has deliver'd us a Petition coppy of which comes inclos'd, setting forth the reasons, for his being forced to take such a dangerous course to procure his Liberty, and you yourselves say he was discharg'd the service, if so why did you not permitt him to come away as he desired, which you not only refused him, but forbid all people to Dyett him, this and a great deal more is not only said by him, but confirm'd to us by all people that come from your parts, oppression and tyrany Generally makes men desperate and the ill Consequences of itt are to be imputed to those who give occasion for the same, which if Common [fa]me is to be credited, [is never] practiced in your Government.

18. Wee paid your Bills amounting to Dollars 1669 as advised in yours of y^e^. 6th. July 1702 and shall creditt your place for what you paid Capt. Kenton his Charterparty Account.

19. Yours Dated 13th. January 170$\frac{2}{3}$ ℘ Sloop Sumatra wee rec^d^. the 9th. of May last, with all pap^rs^. according to List.

20. Wee shall as before mention'd send you the rupees and fanams desired as soon as the Company Supplys us with Silver, and Pillar Doll^rs^. if Mexico are not procureable.

21. Wee have perus'd Capt. Phrips Papers in relation to Treebanng which we will remitt to the Company who can only give answer to itt for we shall not encrease their Settlements without their possitive order.

22. Wee were glad to hear you gave so seasonable a dispatch to the Hampshire and that she went a full ship, wch. God send to arrive in safty.

23. Wee dont well understand your removeing Capt. John Vernon who haveing been brought up to writeing busieness might have assisted att his leisure time in the Books, but we beleive his removeing was more to gratifie some private end then promote the Comp^as^. Interest, besides where you have so few private Sentinells you Should have fewer officers and we should think a Leivteuant with a serjeant or two wo^d^. be sufficient without being att y^e^. Charge of an Ensign. Your Answer about the age of Pepper is Satisfactory to us, and suppose twill be to y^e^. Company who orderd the same.

24. Wee agree that M^r^. Thom^s^. Graves have the same encouragement, as accustomary to writers who goe from this Place.

25. A Rich Soyl must of course produce good grass and some of that must run to Seed, but if itt [is] as you say not procu[rea]ble wee must get itt some where else, as allsoe the Java Horses which we are told are to be bought Cheap att Bantall and those parts.

26. Wee are still of the same opinion that two or three monopolize the Trade of your place, wch. is by all oppertunitys confirm'd to us.

27. Notwithstanding theris no likelyhood of Warr with Portugall with the think fifty Buggesses will be of service here and Fort S^t^. David, but of this wee will consider and write you our further resolution thereon hereafter.

28. Wee take notice of what you write for your Vindication in drawing of Bills, which wee think does not carry that weight with itt as you seem to lay on itt, The Company is desirous the Trade of the place should be encourag'd but not by the Dep^ty^. Govr. and Councill of Bencoolen to take to themselves what they please out of their Cash att Fort S^t^. George and we are sure their intention is, that you should draw no more bills on this place then what is absolutely necessary for the carrying on their affairs for suppose you meet with any Dutch Bargains or others to the amount of twenty or thirty thousand Dollars and they want bills hither to be paid for the same which you draw, and when they come hither wee are out of Cash, must the Company take up that mony att interest to carry on other peoples Trade, we think not, and therefore for the future enjoin to draw no bills on us but what are absolutely necessary as before directed, and before such bills are given lett the mony be Actually paid into the Companys Cash.

29. Tis very Strange you should receive for goods sold only fanams and Copper Cash, and that the Country people should not in all this time be brought to Barter [their Pep]per for such goods as are vendible in the country and they want, thô you are please to observe that the Company has not hitherto prohibited the drawing of Bills yett wee must tell you that they very much admire to see such Legeons come from you yearly for some time past, considering the great supply you have had from them.

30. Wee observe yo[ur Bu]tchar with the many duppatys and Proateens about the promoteing the Pepper Plantations concerning which wee see you have wrote fully to the Company as allsoe about the White Pepper.

31. Wee wish carcop may answer your Expectation as to the produce of Pepper.

32. Wee beleive the Mallays a lazy people and will not trouble themselves further then just to provide themselves from hand to mouth, we should be glad to hear that our own people are not infected by them who we think in such a Country should easily be able to raise sufficient for their own Subsistance, and not labour under such difficultys for provission for their own Table which we find in your Paymasters Acc^{ts}. stands the Company in more then itt does in this place, were there's hardly a blade of grass to be seen.

33. Wee order that you remitt y^{e}. Effects of M^{r}. John Davis to us by bill the first oppertunity and his Acc^{t}. with itt.

34. Wee have paid your severall Bills advised of yours of the 30th January 170$\frac{2}{3}$ amount^{g}. to Doll^{rs}. 8741 : 3 : 1.

35. Wee observe what Course you took in supplying the Bencoolen Merchant with Pepper who to this day we hear nothing off.

36. Padre Fre Antonio shall be sure to have our Countenance to incourage single and married people to transport themselves to your place on the terms desired and accordingly wee have wrote to y^{e}. President and Councill of Bengall and when he arrives shall [pay] his Bill.

37. Yours dated the 6th March last wee rec^{d}. ℘ Ship Union who arriv'd here the 11th June laden wth. Pepper which was so very fou'l that when it was garbled, itt made but 300 Candy, which wee paid them for According to the Companys order, who Contrary to all advice saild hence the 10th. July for China notwithstanding the news we had Pyratts which a ship of this Port calld the Pembrook Friggatt brought from Mayotta, where they mett them as ℘ M^{r}. Fenwick &c^{a}. Narrative inclos'd, for which reason wee laid by all our Ships of this Port bound through the Straits of Mallacca.

38. Your Bills advised of by the aforesaid Ship Am^{tg}. to Dollars 2654 : 1 are Accordingly paid.

39. Wee hear from all People that come from Bantall of the insolent behaviour of Scott and Kingsley towards their Cheif M^{r}. Eyton besides in all other respects they lived more like beasts then Christians so that upon receipt of this wee order them to be turn'd out of the Companys service and sent hither by the first shipping or if there be no inconveniences by itt, you make them serve as souldiers upon your place.

40. Wee have perus'd M^{r}. Eytons Letter to you of the 20th Feb^{ry}. last, and your Generall Letter ℘ M^{r}. Bugden when went to Bantall, and since you had such large experience of M^{r}. Eytons ability and fidelity in those parts, where he was allways so well receiv'd and esteemd by the Country people you should have continued him in his Employ and removed those who [disturbed] his quiett and y^{e}. Comp^{as}. affairs, Thô we hope M^{r}. Bugden will apply himself to the understanding the customs of the Country, and the humour of the people and whereby to prosecute the Company's Interest.

41. Yours of the 30th of March with all papers according to List wee receiv'd ℘ Queen Ann Ketch the 30th of June who fell in with Vizagapatam and is there to this day.

42. Wee have perus'd your orders to Capt. Collier on the Sarum, which ship for want of pepper you have sent to Nayas in which we hope he'l meet good success and wish you had Employ'd M^{r}. Frith whose long experience in the Country might have much contributed thereto thô Capt. Collier we take to be a very Sensible and industrious man who wee hope will give a good Acc^{t}. on his returne on that affair.

43. Wee approve of your takeing in John Harris a Writer, but can't tell what you mean by takeing in Mr. Robert Coast to fill up your Vacancy in the Councill when you never had but Four and have now that number without him, besides his deportment here was such that we could not send him over to you in any Employ, nor can we think itt consists with y^{e}. Companys interest or Honour

to have such a person of Councill in any of y^{r}. Settlements, his crimes here was that he was very lavish of what he had gott in your parts, besides he liv'd so Sottish a life more like a Beast then a man, of this perhaps he may be reclaim'd, if so you may give him incouragement according to his merritt.

44. By the ship or Vessell of the Companys wee shall supply you with gun Powder and what else we can spare you of the List you formerly sent thô we hope in a great measure your necessitys for the ℘sent have been Supply'd by the John and Mary and Glocester [. . . w^{ch}.] wee rec^{d}. and forwarded [the] other three as directed and doubt not but you will follow the Companys orders adverting to their affairs and particularly the mannagers orders relateing to your Acc^{ts}. &c. as therein Directed, wch. have been sent to our Subordinations, who have Stated some querys thereon which have been answer'd as ℘ Coppy thereof inclos'd and may some Direction to you in that matter.

45. Twas good news to hear that y^{e}. Loyall Cook was well att the Cape thô very sad news y^{t}. of the report of the Bedford which we give no great Creditt to, hopeing that she winter'd att S^{t}. Lawrence, or gott about the Cape to S^{t}. Helena, and there lye for the next Convoy.

46. Wee did hope by this y^{e}. Glocester would have bin here, who we would have returned to you with some Petre Bales and redwood, but wee beleive now wee may give over expecting her.

47. Tis very strange y^{e}. Company sent you no more Souldiers on this Ship, knowing they have so few here, by the first Ship or Vessell of the Companys wee shall send you what Porteguez are willing to come but shall not be able to spare any Europeans.

48. Your Bills advised of in this Letter Amounting to Dollars 631 : 2 are paid.

49. We rec^{d}. severall Letters from Bantall which we have now answerd and here send you a Coppy thereof.

50. Your being so unaccountable behind hand in your Acc^{ts}. still sticks in our Stomacks, your excuse for which is Mr. Shaws indisposition but then why does not the Dep^{ty}. Govr. take care of them or see that some other of the Council doe itt and if M^{r}. Shaw be so sickly pray who Acts as Storekeeper for him which Employ we heever knew before belong'd to a second where there was others [in] Councill, [the Dep^{ty}: Govr: & others] of Councill here knows that the second of all Factorys keeps the Books, the third the warehousekeeper, the fourth Paymaster and the fifth and eldest Factor of Stores, and a carefull sober young man Steward, and wee would have y^{e}. same practis'd by you and all their Acc^{ts}. read in Consultation monthly, which wee find frequently omitted and some times four five and six months read together which for y^{e}. future pray lett those faults be mended.

51. M^{r}. Marshall who was then Paymast^{r} : and his assistant avers that more care could not be taken in putting up those Stores ℘ Hampshire and beleives if there was any wanting, they were taken out aboard a Ship, or by some Servants in your Godowns, one of the two Slaves mention'd in the aforesaid Invoice was sent upon the S^{t}. George Ketch and y^{e}. other was return'd to the Choultry just upon going off and some time after was releas'd, and the Error in y^{e}. Fort S^{t}. David Goods was rectifi'd in our Generall Books.

52. Finding in your Consultation Books sixty Dollars paid out of Cash, for false fanams calls to our memory a Souldier that was dedected here for makeing of false fanams who after being punish't for the same was sent to your place, his name Barnadus Farce, as we remember him an Italian, who is not unlikely to be the same person that makes those false fanams, so that on receipt of this, you will on the Acc^{t}. we now give you of him mannage matters, so that if he be guilty to detect him therein.

53. Since writeing the foregoing we have consider'd the uncertainty of this Warr ending dureing which time wee can expect our masters to send us out but

few Souldiers, so that if Buggesses are procureable and the Sarum be with you or any other ship to transport them hither wee would have you send us fifty besides their officers, who shall have the Command of them, and would have you agree with them to stay here five years certain, when if n[eeding to] returne itt shall be [at the] Companys charge Lett both the officers and souldiers be of the best sort, young brisk fellows, and as sightly men as you can procure amongst them, and not one old or Decriped, and send with them as full a relation as you can of their temper and Constitution of their Government amongst them so that here may be nothing done that may justly disgust them.

54. This comes by the Adventure Briggantine Henry Wyatt Master, who has taken in part of her Cargoe att S^t^. Thoma and Pollicatt and wee not knowing what it is cannot distinguish itt from what he has taken in here, which paid the Companys Custom, so that if he lands any part thereof att Bencoolen or Bantall that matter must be decided by Oath or else he must pay the Companys Duties, and accordingly we have wrote the Chief and Councill att Bantall.

30 September.

Since writeing the foregoing wee have reinstated M^r^. Nathan^ll^: Eyton in the Cheifship of Bantall as ℘ the inclos'd Duplicate of our letter to them this day.

55. Wee are advis'd from Bengall of the arrivall of the Bencoolen there, who was in a very miserable condition so that the ship and Pepper were Sold there, Capt. Dixon y^e^. Padre and Sev^ll^. others Dyed in the passage. Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

Thomas Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marsh^ll^.
John Meverell.

List of the Pacquett to Fort S^t^: George.

N°. 1 Fort S^t^: George Gen^ll^. Letter to York Fort dated y^e^. 23^d^ & 30th : Sepr. 1703.

2 Duplicate of Fort S^t^. George Gen^ll^. to Bantall dat^d^: 23^d^ Sep^r^: 1703.

3 Duplicate of Fort S^t^. George Gen^ll^. to Bantall dat^d^: 30th Sep^r^: 1703.

4 M^r^. Davis Paper Dã. the Govr. and Councill of Fort St George wth. his pitition.

5 Coppy Querys of M^r^. John Haynes for stateing the Gen^ll^: Books wth. Answer to said querys.

6 A relation of Ship Pembrook Friggats being taken by y^e^: Pyrats.

No. 59.*

Fort S^t^. George 23^d^ Sep^tr^. 1703.

To M^r^. Edmund Bugden
Cheif &c Councill att Bantall.

S^rs^.

Yours of 5th Aprill with Coppy of 25th Feb^ry^. last wee rec^d^. ℘ Ship Union who arrivd here the 11th. June but to this day we hear nothing of the Bencoolen.

Wee observe how troubles have threatned, and your deligence in diverting them, such small mortars as you write for we have none to Spare out of this Garrison, but we see the Deputy Governour &c att Bencoolen have wrote for them to the Company by Ship Hampshire.

Wee hope and desire you will persist in incourageing the Pepper Plantations, and discourage the Cotton trade since tis so prejudiciall to the planting of pepper.

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* Letter No. 59 appears after Letter No. 57 in the original volume.

Wee hope Capt. Collier will succeed in this Voyage to Nayas, and thereby supply you with Slaves, which are not procureable on this Coast nor Bengall.

Your Bills advised of in ye. foremention'd Letter Amounting to Dollars 3300, are paid Except that of Padre Fre Anto. of 350.

Wee have been advis'd from York Fort the Occassion of Mr. Bugdens being sent to your place and cannot but resent the insolences of Kingsly and Scott to their Chief who wee possitively order you to send to Bencoolen or this place as an oppertunity for wch. shall happen first.

Wee are glad to hear the Country continues in peace about you but for makeing any new Settlement it is not to be done without the Companys Possitive order.

Wee Expect you performe your promise in improveing your new Settlement and you see the Company is willing to be att Charge to make commodious Building for their People but you must take care not to be Extravagant therein.

The Pepper you laded on the Union was Excessive foul in so much that they Lost Ten ℘ Ct. here therefore pray take care what you lade for England or send hither be well garbled with such an Engine as they have at York Fort.

Wee wish Mr. Frith had been sent on the Sarum to Nayas, but for takeing him into the Service we must deferr the Consideration thereof till the arrivall of the Ships we daily Expect, we all look upon him to be well quallifi'd and have a regard for him.

Wee have paid your Bill for Dollrs. 1660 : 3 but order for ye. future you draw no Bills upon us but such as are absolutely necessary for Carrying on the Companys affairs and in your next lett us know what peices of $\frac{8}{8}$ are paid into the Companys Cash or what other coin for Acct. of these Bills drawn.

Yours of 15 Aprill ℘ Queen Ann Ketch we recd. the 30th June from Vizagapatam where she fell in.

Wee have perus'd the Letters and affidavids relateing to Kingsly and Scotts behaviour towards their Cheife [by which they] Appear to be [such]vile Persons, that wee chuse rather to confirm then alienate our orders for their being turn'd out of the Companys Service and sent to Bencoolen or hither, for itt Consists neither with the Companys Honr. nor Interest to continue such miscreants in their Employ.

Your two Bills for 268 Ryalls advis'd in the forement'd Letter where accordingly paid.

Wee here send you what few medicines we could spare out of this Garrison and recommend to you to putt in execution our following directions.

First that you daily apply your selves to ye. bringing up and settling all Accts. in your Factory and ye. adjacent Paggars under you.

2dly. that you give all incouragement and importune ye. Rajahs, &ca. to encrease their pepper plantations in your parts.

3dly. that you are very frugall in all your Expences, putting ye. Company to no unnecessary charge.

4thly. that you take all immagenable care of ye. health of your People, and raise provissions may contribute thereto, we allsoe Strictly enjoin you to keep a good decorum amongst the civill and Millatary, and not only to prevent, but that you allsoe severely punish such who shall be guilty of the like intollerable disorders, as Scott and Kingsly.

5thly. By all oppertunitys send us your monthly Acct. of Expences that wee may the better Judge of your mannagemt. and never be behind hand doing the Same to York Fort your Consultations Diarys &ca.

Wee hear that there is very good and serviceable Horses to be procurd. att your place if so lett no oppertunity Slip of sending us what possible you can lett them be young Strong Sound and as beautifull as the Country affords.

This comes by the Adventure Briggantine Henry Wyatt Master who has taken in part of her Cargoe att St. Thoma and Pollicatt and we not knowing what it is cannot distinguish it from what [he] has taken here which paid the Companys Custome so that if he lands any part thereof att your place that matter must be decided by his oath or else [he] must pay the Company Duties. Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 60.

FORT ST. GEORGE 27TH. SEPTR. 1703.

TO THE SR. JOHN GAYER
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE.
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA. COUNCILL IN SURRATT.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Since wee wrote you last which was 20 July ℘ Ship Howland wee recd. yours of the 19th June ye. 10th. of past month, and yours of the 7th the primo Instant, Via Metchlapatam under Covert of the new Companys Pacquett, with all papers According to List.

Wee shall observe the Contents of the Rt. Honble. Companys Letter, and from the Court of Mannagers and shall in all respects Act accordingly.

Wee recd. the Europe News by the Regard and thank you for itt.

As you [wrote Sr. Nicholas] Waite &ca. Councill so we did here their Presidt. and Councill at Metchlapatam who return'd the answer as Sr. Nicholas.

By that time this can come to you we suppose the Katherin Capt. Jenifer Commander will be arriv'd wth. you from Bengall and your Ship Prosperous from China from whom you will have all the news of Amoy for we have none nor have Wee had any Letter from Mr. Dolbin or any one in the Ship since they were outward bound from Mallacca.

The Howland after she went from hence call'd att Fort St. David where she staid four dayes but for what we know not.

This comes by Capt. Gostlin Commander of Ship Charlton who has taken in part of his Cargoe att St. Thoma and we not knowing what it is, cannot distinguish itt from what he has taken here which paid the Companys Custom, so that if he lands any part thereof att Bombay, that matter must be decided by his oath or else he must pay the Companys Duties and accordingly we have wrote the Depty. Govr. and Councill att Bombay.

By a Seperate Stock Ship that's arriv'd att Batavia, tis reported that when they left England there was designed for this Coast & Bay the Tavestock, Dutchess and Sommers, but to this day we hear nothing off them, nor is there any news since we wrote you last.

The Colchester arriv'd here from Persia ye. 17th August and brought us the Horses, we wrote for, one of which dyed aboard, but whereas we wrote for one hundred Chests of wine they sent us but thirty five, which is a little hard considering Mr. Bruce sold some Hundred Chests to ℘ticular persons and itt is a great ease to the Companys Charge to have wine thence att Thirty abasses a Chest, wch. if bought here stands them in Nine and Ten Pags. so that we desire

your Hon^{r}. &c will be pleas'd to give your [. . . .] place is subordinate to y^{e}. Agent &c there, to supply us with what we write for on the Companys Account and that itt be the best of their sorts.

What wee fear'd is come to pass for th[em]. M^{r}. Bruce has kept Capt. Rouse's effects and sent by the Ship no manner of Account thereof.

And however itt happens y^{e}. wine from Persia is not near so good as formerly, the bottles much smaller and very often come out one or two Bottles short in tale in a Chest. Wee are

S^{rs}.
Your Affectionate Freinds and
Humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P^{s}.

Since writeing the foregoing the Presid^{t}. has paid into the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Cash Pag^{s}. 109: 9. and has taken Bills of Exchange on your Presidency for Rupees 366: 14: 7. (ans. ps.) computeing 335 Rupees ℘ 100 Pag^{s}. being payable to M^{r}. Timothy Evens or order to which wee desire your Compliance.

We desire you will be pleas'd to forward the Accompanying Pacquett for Persia.

No. 61.

TO THE WORSHIP^{LL}. JOHN BURNISTON
DEP^{TY}. GOV^{R}. OF BOMBAY &C^{a}. COUNCILL.

S^{R}.

We rec^{d}. yours y^{e}. 18th March last, with the Acc^{t}. of sales of M^{r}. Daniel Du Bois Effects.

This comes by Capt. Gostlin in y^{e}. Charlton to whose care we have committed a Pacquett for the Gen^{ll}. and Councill att Surratt wch. we desire of you to receive of him and forward if he stayes any time att your Port.

For what Goods he has laden here he has a certificate, to excuse him from paying the Duties att your Port, but he has some Goods on board that he took in att S^{t}. Thoma as to wch. we know not y^{e}. quallity nor quantity wch. must be decided by his oath if he lands them att B bay or otherwise he must pay Custome Wee have no Europe Ships arriv'd yett, tho' we have news from Batavia that there were designd for this Coast and Bay. Wee are

S^{rs}.
Your most Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JN^{o}: MEVERELL.

No. 62.

To the R^{t}. Worshipfull [Edwd. O]wen Esqr.
Agent for affairs of the R^{t}. Honble.
English East India Company &c. Councill in Ispahawn.

S^{r}.

Our last to you was the 4th and 5th. of December 1702 since which wee have rec^{d}. yours of the 23 of Aprill last from Ispahawn by Ship Colchester who arriv'd here the 17th of last month, the answer M^{r}. Bruce &c. att Gombroon Justifies the said Bruce in detaining Capt. Lamberts mony as we advised, and to show us that they think themselves in y^{e}. right they have done the same by Capt. Rouse, so that we shall only advise the Persons prejudiced thereby and lett them take their remedy which may chance to convince them of their Error and unfair dealing.

The Stores &c. wee rec^{d}. ꝑ Ship Colchester except our quantity of wine for that we wrote for one hundred Chests, and but thirty five sent, which cannot be computed to the want of wine, for that M^{r}. Bruce sold some hundreds of Chests to particular persons, besides of late there's not only great Complaint of the Badness of your Persia wine, but allsoe against the smallness of the bottles to what they were formerly, and many of them want one or two bottles in a Chest, one of the Horses dyed in y^{e}. passage by receiveing some mischief in Shipping off.

It tends much to the Companys advantage by lessening their charge here, to have Horses Wine &c. sent as oppertunity presents on their own Ships hither, therefore desire you'l yearly send to this place what we desire as ꝑ List inclos'd, and we have made the same request to y^{e}. Generall and Councill at Surratt to confirm the same, but since we have no Ships arriv'd yett from Europe, we are afraid there will be hardly any from Bengall to your Port, so Can't expect Wine &c. without you procure freight for the sa[me We ad]visd in that of y^{e}. 4th of Decr. of our drawing on you a Bill for ten thousand three hundred and five Rupees, which we rec^{d}. here of the Kings Buxie, for which wee gave him first and second bills, one of which he dispatch'd by his Servant overland to Surratt, intending thence for Persia to bring the bill, and receive the mony but he hearing nothing of him, he's affraid he's miscarry'd in the Way so sent to us for a third bill which we have given him, which wee desire you to Comply with and redraw itt on us by Ships bound to this Port as formerly advis'd.

They wrote us from Gombroon y^{t}. M^{r}. Harbins Acc^{t}. was remitted to Surrat which they knew not whether he had cleard it, the clause of their Letter concerning that matter wee sent to Bengall, Poor man dyed in his Voyage hither on the London.

S^{rs}. Wee heartly thank you for the good news you sent us, and desire your continuance itt, remitting to us what Europe news you hear.

There will be this year from Bengall a Ship called the Humphry and Charles 200 Tonn whereof Messrs. Fleetwood and Whistler are Supra Cargoes, belonging Cheifly to the Presid^{t}. & Councill of this place to whom we request your particular favour, and assistance, which shall on all occassions be acknowledged by us who wish you health and prosperity and are

Fort S^{t}. George 27 Septr. 1703.

Worship^{ll} S^{rs}.
Your Humble Serv^{ts}.

Thomas Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

The inclosed Pacquett is from the Buxie wherein is one of our Bills of Exchange wch. we desire you will be pleasd to take care of itts delivery the translation of wch. is Tyed about the bagg.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT [TO] ISPAHAWN.

N°. 1 Fort S^t^. George Generall Letter dat^d^. 27th Sepr. 1703.
2 Coppy of D°. y^e^. 14th. December 1702.
3 Coppy of D°. y^e^. 5th December 1702.
4 List of Stores wanting from Persia.
5 Pacquett from the Kings Buxie here which is desired to be Deliver'd as directed.

No. 63.

TO M^R^. JAMES BRUCE
CHEIF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HON^BLE^. COMPANY &C. COUNCILL ATT GOMBROON.

S^RS^.

Yours of the 10 Aprill last we rec^d^. ℔ Ship London who arriv'd here the 22^d^. of May and yours of the 30th June wee rec^d^. ℔ Ship Colchester who arrivd here the 17th. August.

The two Horses ℔ Phœnix were and doe continue as we represented them to you, and whereas wee shall allways desire six Horses yearly when any of our Companys Ships come to your Port, so itt would not be amiss to buy up two or three good Horses as oppertunity presents, tho' the Company be att the Charge of keeping of them till a conveniencecy offers of freighting them hither.

As to what you write about Capt. Lamberts busieness wee can say no more than what allready wrote you, and are still in the opinion that M^r^. Bruce ought to have retained Capt. Lamberts and Capt. Rouses upon the particular Ships they belonged to, and whereas he has done otherwise we think itt very unfair for that ill consequences will attend itt, on Acco^t^. of those that have a right to itt, or M^r^. Bruce who has detaind itt, and for Capt. Rouses widdow we beleive she's undon by itt.

The [*a few words lost*] of for ten thousand three hundred and five Rupees, we believe is not come to your hands for that few days past the Kings Buxie desired of us a third bill haveing given but two before one of wch. he had sent overland to Surratt, but hearing nothing of itt's arrivall he's affraid itt has miscarry'd, so when either of the three Bills is presented to you we desire you make due paym^t^. and redraw itt as formerly advisd, concerning wch. wee have allsoe wrote Agent Owen.

Wee thank you for the news papers and desire you will Continue sending the same to us as oppertunity offers.

When you proceed so rigorously against a Person as to send him a prisoner on board ship we mean Charles Attkins, without so much as letting him gett necessarys or collect what small Effects he had in, you Should have drawn up the Charge against him upon oath, we beleive him to be a wild young fellow but upon his promiseing great amendment we have made him Surgeon at Fort S^t^. David.

Wee rec^d^. the Carpets sent by y^e^. London.

M^r^. Harbin dyed in the Voyage hither and the clause in your Letter relateing to him we have remitted to Bengall.

Wee here inclose a List of what we desire yearly to be sent to this Presidency on the Companys Acc^t^. if any Company Ship presents but if not all or as much as you can gett freight for itt, on any private Ship bound hither.

Wee rec^d^. what you sent on y^e^. Colchester, except one of the Horses that dyed on board wch. was the paceing Horse which the Commander says rec^d^. some prejudice in Shipping off, and hope the others will prove tollerable good, tho' much gall'd and abus'd in the Voyage, and 13 Chests of Rosewater omitted to be taken ashoar, which hope remain'd on board [*a few words lost*] Bengall about itt, not haveing the quantity of wine wrote for, is a disappointment to us and a great Charge to y^e^. Company for y^t^. we must buy itt before the year comes about and itt is very surpriseing to us that the Comp^a^. can't have their quantity when ꝑticular persons can be Supplyd with whatever they want wee hope they will fare better for the future and that you will send us every thing y^e^. best of their Sorts, and wee must not omitt Acquainting you of the great complaints, not only against the badness of the wine but allsoe the Smallness of your Bottles to what they where formerly, and in some of your Chests for one two to three bottles wanting, your Rosewater likewise is very ordinary.

We are Sorry to hear there is no probability of releasing those poor & unfortunate Captives at Rustock but hope by the first Ship there will be some care taken thereof from England.

The Six thousand Shahees Capt. Reid rec^d^. of you on his owners Acco^t^. he has made itt good here. Wee are

S^rs^.
Your Humble Serv^ts^.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 27TH SEPTEMBER 1703.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 64.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 30TH [SEP^TR^.] 1703.

TO M^R^. NATHAN^LL^. EYTON
CHEIF &C COUNCILL ATT BANTALL

S^RS^.

Since the concludeing our Generall letter dated 23^d^ Ins^t^. directed to M^r^. Bugden &c Councill, we have maturely considerd that whereas your Port is Sittuated in a part of the Country that produces great quantitys Pepper and capable of great improvement by encreasing their plantations, so consequently [they de]sire wellfare of itt, being of the greatest concern to our masters, and therefore itt requires an experient prudent man to be att the head of their affairs, who is well vers'd in the customs of the Country and humour of the people and we not only takeing from our own experience which is allso confirmd to us by all persons that come from thence That M^r^. Nathaniell Eyton has the qualifications before mention'd, by his long resideing in that place who has laid done his Employ by reason of the insolences of two of his councill Scott and Kingsly and att present remains Second with an intention speedily to leave the place which we are under some apprihention that the Company will Suffer in their affairs in those parts, to prevent which we hereby reinstate the aforesaid Nathan^ll^. Eyton in the Cheifship of Bantall requiring all persons both Civill and Military to regard him Accordingly & by vertue of this Letter we null and revoke all Commissions orders or Powers there has been formerly granted by the Dep^ty^. Govr. and Councill of Bencoolen, that tends to the makeing any other person whatever Cheif of that place unless itt be by the R^t^. Honble Comp^as^. possitive order, wee allsoe appoint M^r^. Bugden to remain Second, of which if he dislike we permitt him to return to his former post

att Bencoolen, and then Mr. Vernon to be second in Councill otherwise Mr. Vernon to be third, and in case Mr. Bugden does return to Bencoolen we then desire the Depty. Govr. and Councill of that place to send a prudent and Sober man to be third att Bantall.

Wee would not have Mr. Bugden resent any thing of this alteration for whom we have a very good Esteem assureing him that nothing in our opinion makes Mr. Eyton preferrable to him but his large Experience.

What [*a few words lost*] att all in the least Lessen your Subordination to Bencoolen therefore charge you by all oppertunity rem[itt] to ym. your Consultation[s] and Diarys to that very time Acct. Cash, Paymastrs. Acct., Warehousekeeper and Storekeeper which Accts. by the Companys order (which wee enjoyn you to follow) are to be read monthly in Councill and may lett us hear by your next that your Bookes are all made up and sent to Bencoolen.

It is our reiterated request and order that you heartily apply your Selves to ye. encreasing the Pepper Plantations, and retrenching all superfluous expences, and that you are very frugall in those that are unavoidable.

Wee observe you are about forty men in the Civill and Millitary, so that we dont see the urgent necessity there is of haveing distinct Principall officers for the latter, therefore itt wod. save something if the Cheif be Leuitenant and Mr. Vernon Ensign, and the principall officers, otherways to be but Serjeants, This we recommend to you to put in Execution as you find itt for the Companys Service.

A Duplicate of these Letters we have sent to Bencoolen for the Depty. Govr. and Councill there to observe what therein containd.

Wee hourly expect the Expedition Sloop from Bengall, when we shall immediately dispatch her to you wth. Salt Petre Stores &c. Wee are

Your Affectiont. Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 65.

FORT ST. GEORGE 2D OCTOBR. 1703.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPTY. GOVR. &C. COUNCILL ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

Wee have recd. yours of the 24th 27, 29 of last month, If you please to take another reveiw of your Consultations and Letters in 1701 you'l find that Mollem was permitted to goe to Dowd Cawns Camp by The Presidt. and Councill here, att the intercession of the Depty. Govr. and Councill of your place, who was to work matters so, as to keep Freindship between us and Dowd Cawn att the Expence of about 200 Pags. but how comes this after clap is best known amongst your Selves, we being wholly ignorant thereof but of this we will write you more att large and the President will send Mollem his answer.

Wee Shall consider on ye. Acct. of the Duties collected on Trade and then give you our Answer thereon.

Serjeant Trumball had leave to goe hence, but forgott to take his Certificate.

Wee find that the Letter from the Generall and Councill of Batavia is not directed to the Govr. and Councill as itt ought to have been, so that there is nothing more to be said of that matter, only that the orriginall ought to have ben att first sent us, seeing itt related to the Companys busieness.

Wee possitively orderd att the making the last Contract that the Contract brought in over and above the Contract before, should be inserted in that which now again confirm, and will not recede from itt. Therefore if they will abate twelve ℘ Ct. and you see you can bring them no more, wee would have you close with them and we [*a few words lost*] as you mention, lett them be oblig'd to bring in their Cloth by the last of January or sooner if possible upon the Madrass musters and the Species of goods to be in proportion to the last years Contract and if any augmented lett it be long Cloth and Sallampores, to this lett them give their yea or Nay immediatly, and with all expedition return us their answer If the Danes bring in their Cloth within your bounds purely for washing sake we think 2½ ℘ Ct. sufficient for the Custom. Wee are

Srs.
Your Affectiont. Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 66.

TO THE HONBLE. JOHN BEARD ESQR.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
IN BENGALL AND GOVR. OF FORT WILLIAM &C. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &cA.

Since our of the 16th & 27th of past month we have recd. yours of 30th Augt. by Sloop Greyhound who arrivd here the 27, with Bill of loadg. for what laden on her.

Att the time of Mr. Peachies decease which was in Mr. Dubois's house, who we then thought was Sufficient enough to answer what Effects left by Mr. Peachie being recommended to us by the Company to any Place of trust in or next the Councill besides as we wrote you before nobody did care to concern themselves with Mr. Peachies Effects nor doe we hear with any bodys but Companys Servants and had we designd to have taken care of them beleive we Should have found but little worth and as for what you say you have done about his Effects was not to be avoided you haveing long before Seizd. [*two lines lost*].

Wee doubt not but we Shall have good enough for the Tonnage that is att present on our hands, but every Ship requires more of Petre then her Charter-party proportion, so that had there been no other reason we must have sent the Colchester for Salt Petre and Stores, for of our 1600 bags, she would not require less then 1400, and the other must have remaind in Store for the Garrison so that what we wanted more Petre for was Cheifly for the Chambers Friggat, who when arrd. must be immediatly dispatch'd.

Wee perceive the Expedition Sloop narrowly escaped being lost, we thought ye. Pilots who are the Companys Servants had been obliged in the first place to take care of their Vessells for if itt be true what the Capt. writes Coppy of which we here inclose we think the Pilot lyable to make good the damage, and did he serve any other nation he would be fined to Boote we all took her here to be a good

Vessell and that she wanted only some Strengthning in her upper works we never expected she would Carry above five or Six hundred bags, and when she comes we intend her forthwith to the West Coast where a Vessell of her burthen is very necessary for the Comp^as^. Service.

Wee rec^d^. the Petre by both Vessells According to Invoice and Bill of loading y^e^. freight of which might have been saved, since you know we resolved to send the Colchester.

The Dutch mannagement of their Affairs is very unaccountable at this time for they stick att no manner of writeing nor money to gain their present ends.

The Copper Sent by Capt. Harton on the Endeavour Briggantine was deliverd him by English weight 131 to the bagg and whatever itt comes out by [*one line lost*] [y]ou say the Bill of loading [Com]putes itt to the Candy and four of those bags makes a Candy.

You say you wish you had sent the 1000 Chests of Copper when you requested it, which long before was sold to a Merchant here who was to pay for itt as he fetch'd itt away but not Complying, was the occassion of our sending itt, nor had we then nor since any Allumger Pag^s^. or other coin to Spare you, for what allready sent has so lessend the Stock of this place that we are now about takeing up mony att interest to Carry on the Companys affairs.

Wee cant but admire att y^e^. Delatory proceedings of S^r^. Edward Littleton.

Here has as yett been none of the new Companys People from Metchlapatam as directed by the mannagers orders to take Acc^t^. of the dead Stock nor doe we hear they intend to come, our Acc^ts^. are agoing on in the method yo^rs^. are and hope they will be finisht to goe by the Jan^ry^. Shipping.

The Glocester is not arrivd from the West Coast thô they possitively wrote us they would send her, The Stock the Comp^a^. sent on her was twice what would purchase her a Cargoe of Pepper.

Wee think itt very unreasonable as well as ungratefull that Commanders of the Ships will not pay the Charge of getting the run away men, The order you have made to prevent those practices is very necessary espetially in this time of Warr.

Wee think itt not adviseable to freight any Salt Petre to the West Coast from your place by reason that we must once or twice a year send Vessells hence with men and Stores which we intend shall be the Companys and load on them Redwood and Salt Petre for that place.

20 October 1703

Since writeing the above we rec^d^. yours of the [*a few words lost*] the 9th Instant ℘ Expedition Sloop who we dispatch'd to the West Coast on the 14th Instant with 150 bags of Petre and what stores else she could Carry, we rec^d^. your Invoice Bill of loading &c Papers according to List.

The Sloop went hence with as much Copper as She Could carry and returned with salt Petre to that Amount in Tonnage.

Wee rec^d^. no Bill of loading of Capt. Rouses nor is it mentiond in the List, when wee doe, we will Acc^t^. with the Present Commander for what redwood wanting.

Wee think the Pilot that ought to have taken Charge of the Sloop should pay for the Chest of Copper, but you are the best Judges of that matter.

Tis very Strange S^r^. Edward Littleton &c should be so delatory in negotiating their masters affairs, for as you say had that summ of mony been Coind and Invested to that advantage they might, none others makeing Investment, would have been a very good Article of Proffitt in their Acc^ts^. if they have any, which their masters would have better approved off then Spending their time in Studying and writeing Scurrilous and Scandilous Letters.

Wee observe what you write about the Stones for the Chappell which we will procure for you as soon as possible.

Wee are Sorry for Mr. Lytton whose Concerns on the Sloop the Goor has taken care of till he gives orders about itt, and if he does any otherwaies than well, the Amt. shall be paid into the Companys Cash here.

Sr. Edward Littleton &c Councill Letter was, as you say itt was to you, very surprising to us, and we cant immagin what should be the Occassion of itt, unless he be now run Stark mad for that we have taken him to be crasie from his arrivall, for the truth of itt is they [*a few words lost*] disappointments expecting to have been the Conquerers, and now to be conquered and hardly yett see their doom, wee have return'd them an Answer to their impious and Scandilous Letter, which desire you will be pleasd to send them, coppy of which comes inclosd for your perusall and wee thank you for ye. Letter you wrote them in our Vindication.

No news yett of our Europe Shipping nor do we expect any since the Capt. of the Trumball Gally says they were but fitting out in Febry.

Mr. Poircer has addressed himself to us in behalf of the Orphans of Mr. Crook Complaining of great injustice done them by Harry Moor, who for some time has had the Towns of Mr. Crooks and will render no Acct. thereof, nor deliver them up with the Substantiall papers belonging thereto, which has been procur'd from ye. Government att the Charge of the Orphans, haveing paid no rent f[o]r many years past, we therefore think itt reasonable that you seize the aforesaid Harry Moor and send him hither by the first Ship to adjust his Accts. provided that you are not any ways Apprihensive of creating trouble to the Company affairs thereby, our last to you was the 16 and 27th of Septr. ℘ Ship Dolphin, Copy of which comes inclos'd, Wee are

Honble. Srs. &c.
Your Most Humble. Servts.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 67.

FORT ST. GEORGE 13 OCTR. 1703.

TO THE WORS[HIPLL. RICHARD] WATTS ESQR.
DEPTY. GOVR. &C COUNCILL OF YORK FORT.

SRS.

Our last to you was by the briggantine Adventure of which we here send you Coppys as allsoe ours to Bantall since which time here's arrivd the Expedition sloop from Bengall who wee now dispatch to you with one hundred and fifty bags of Salt Petre as ℘ Invoice and bill of loading inclos'd, and some stores, we allso send you six Porteguez soldiers, and three slaves paid as ℘ Paymasters list inclos'd.

The sloop came from Bengall with a serang and seven lascars, unto which we have added six Lascars more here, who are all paid as ℘ Paymasters list.

You'l see we have sent you good store of gunpowder for which you should never write the Company, for that we can supply hence much cheaper and you should lett us know what quantity yearly will supply your necessitys, we allsoe

sent you casks of Fish and Pork which was stores putt up for this Garrison, are well salted and hope will be Acceptable to you.

The Vessell is but small otherwaies would have sent you Twenty Candy of redwood, which shall doe by all oppertunitys as allsoe Salt Petre for Tonnage and Kentlage of your Europe Ships.

Wee have Sent the Coppy of the Invoice to Bantall for them to take out what they want, for that we have orderd the Vessell to call there.

M^{r}. Stone the Master of this Vessell was entertaind here, who we have promised you Shall discharge him att his request and we desire [*one line lost*] few Bales on freight the Sea Customers Acc^{t}. comes herewith.

Wee again confirm our request of sending us a good Company of Buggesses by the first Convenient oppertunity.

The Vessell was well fitted under water att Fort S^{t}. David, and Since her upper works refitted att Bengall she's well stor'd as ℘ List inclos'd, and if you'l but see that the master looks after her well, she may be a Serviceable Vessell to the Company many years, but pray buy again no such Chargeable ones.

Wee have sent on her Supernumary Lascars, by reason you say you want them on that Coast. Wee are

S^{rs}.
Your Affectionate Freinds
& Humble Serv^{ts}.
THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO YORK FORT ℘ SLOOP EXPEDITION.

N°. 1 Fort S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}. Lre. to York Fort dat^{d}. 13th Octr. 1703.
2 Coppy of Fort S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}. to Ditto dated 23 & 30 Septr. 1703 ℘ Briggantine Adventure.
3 Coppy of D^{os}. Gen^{ll}. to Bantall dated 23^{d} Septr. 1703 ℘ Briggantine Adventure.
4 Coppy of D^{os}. Gen^{ll}. to D^{o}. Dat^{d} 30th D^{o}. ℘ D^{o}.
5 Invoice of Sloop Expedition.
6 Bill of Loading of Ditto.
7 [*A few words lost*] for Stateing Gen^{ll}. Books with answer to said querys.
8 List of Medicines for York Fort.
9 List of Stores on Board Expedition Sloop.
10 Acc^{t}. Impress mony paid the Masters &c on board D^{o}.
11 Acc^{t}. mony advanced to Six Souldiers on y^{e}. Sloop.
12 Stewards List of provissions sent to Bencoolen.
13 List of Freight Goods on board the Expedition.

No. 68.

To M^{R}. NATHAN^{LL}. EYTON
CHEIF &C COUNCILL ATT BANTALL

Wee here send you Authentick Coppys of what wrote you by the Briggantine Adventure, who saild hence 6th Instant, and inclose to you Coppy of the Invoice of what Laden, on this Vessell, that so you may take out what you want

thereof, there are allsoe on board Six Souldiers and three Slaves of which if you want any you may take them ashoar, the Medicines, intended on the adventure Briggantine come on this Sloop. Wee have not att present to add but are

S^r^.
Your Affection^t^. Freinds.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 13TH OCTOBER 1703.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^S^. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF [PACQUETT SENT TO] BANTALL ℘ SLOOP EXPEDITION VIZ^T^.

N° 1 Fort S^t^. George Generall to Bantall dated 13th Octr. 1703.
2 Coppy of D°. Gen^ll^. to Bantall dated 23 Septr. 1703 ℘ Briggantine Adventure.
3 Coppy of D°. Gen^ll^. to D°. dated 30th Septr. 1703 ℘ D°.
4 List of Medicines for Bantall.
5 Coppy of Sloop Expeditions Invoice.

No. 69.

TO WILLIAM STONE
MASTER OF SLOOP EXPEDITION

Wee haveing laden on your Vessell Goods and Stores She's capable of takeing in wee hereby order you, on receipt of this to repair on board, and with all Expedition weigh your Anchor (wind and weather permitting) and putt to sea shaping your course for the Speedyest attaining the West Coast, where be sure to make the Land to windward of Bantall where you are to call in and deliver our Pacquett to the Cheif and Councill of that place M^r^. Nathan^ll^. Eyton &c^a^. whose orders you are to follow for unloading any of the Companys Stores, and take their dispatch to Bencoolen.

Wee have putt on board six Porteguez Souldiers and three Slaves, and provissions Accordingly for them, & a List of which wee here deliver you, which you are to take care of and order some person to deliver itt out daily, and keep an Acc^t^. of the Expence thereof, you must be hourly mindfull of the great quantity of Powder you have on board, therefore take great care of any thing takeing fire and suffer none to goe down into your hold without putting the Candle in a lanthorne, the Vessell is extraordinary well Stord, wherefore wee strictly enjoin you to be a good husband thereof not only to see that it is not Embazld, but to keep an Exact Acc^t^. of what Expended.

[Wee have not] only a Warr with France but have great reason to think that there are Pyrats abroad, therefore we require you to avoid if possible Speaking with any Ship or Vessell att Sea ; wee wish you a good Voyage and Date these in Fort S^t^. George this 14th Day of October 1703.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSH^LL^.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 70.

To S^R^. Edward Littleton
Presid^T^. &c^A^. Councill for the
New Companys affairs att Hugly.

S^RS^.

Wee Sufficiently Shew'd our resolution and inclinations to the due observeing our Companys and y^e^. Mannagers Commands of laying aside all Feuds and heats arriseing from the oppositeness of the interest wee Servd, by not takeing notice of your raveing and scur[r]illous Expressions of us in your Letter dated the 18th Aprill 1703, to our Companys Govr. and Councill of Fort William who have lately remitted us the Coppy of another Letter of yours dated 8th past month, which we cannot omitt answering finding itt stuffed throughout, wth. so many impious and notorious fallsitys, wee know not what new matter occurd to you, that incullcated such base Suggestions of us, who here averr that M^r^. Lovells and Woolstons Acc^ts^. were never allowd of nor can they be ended till they are both together, and att this place from whence they were employed.

[The Government of myself] and likewise jointly with the Councill doe challenge all mankind to produce any order Particular or Generall that they ever gave that can be Construed or thought they designed the Blood of Woolstone and further averr we never heard of that bloody Expression here.

Then that twice there has been assassines hired, from wch. he once narrowly Escaped to which we here delcare that we never gave our orders to any for the Seizing of Woolston but to our Cheifs att Metchlapatam M^r^. Focquett and after his death to M^r^. Frewen, on the former you took the liberty in past Letters to make your unjust refflections, tho' from our Experince and knowledge of them both, wee are Confident he that is dead and the other liveing, were and are men of such Honble. principles as to detest such Vile practices whilst those that pen'd and signed those infernall Suggestions, we beleive will Stick att nothing.

You likewise say that tis nothing of Wollstons Acc^t^. occassions our furious heat (as you call itt) but his not Consenting to the perpretateing a fram'd designe as horrible and wicked as ever was Contrivd, wch. he over threw, to produce any particular or Generall orders from us unfitting to give or him or they to Execute had he been a person of Nicest Hon^r^. and Integrity, from whom we found the quite contrary and therefore 'tis very probable that not only one of us, but all have wished that our orders had been Executed.

If your beleif went with your pen why doe you Charge us so att random, as fools shoot their bolts (and desend to ꝑticulars besides Fort W^m^. is not so farr from you) and wee beleive will be nearer to you in a little time whither you might have sent Woolston with [*a few words lost*] English or Other evidence you had prepar'd and there to have proved before the Govr. and Council, but a probability of one word of truth, in your Scandulous Letter, wch. if Credited by those Gentlemen there itt would have carried some weight with itt, whereas now by all good men wherever seen, as 'tis pend twill be looked upon as the spurious Issue of mallicious brains (If any) and Contrivd by men of the Vilest principles.

Wee Commend your Tenderness in matter of blood, (tho' you have no Power to Shed any) which we hope proceeds from the dread you have of the ill consequences of itt, and the regard you have for the sixth Commandment, but had you had the like for the tenth you would not have suduced your neighbours Servant to betray your Masters Secrets, or have employd him till he cleared his Acc^ts^. whose guilt is what scares him from comeing hither to doe the same and not the dreadfull apprehention he has inculcated into you, who giveing credit thereto Share in his baseness.

And whereas you have presum'd to Arreign this Government not only in this Letter but allsoe in former with the worst of practices wee give you this

answer for a truth, and dare you to produce one man that has Sufferd here unjustly, in person or Estates or that Since this Govr. came who you term so bloody minded, that there has been a drop of blood Shed by y^{e}. Governour but on the Contrary mercyfull to a fault, and endangering our own wellfare.

Wee can't immagine the Occassion of your President [*a few words lost*] att us here, from the first time he hon^{d}. himself with a white Feather as weighty full out as the reason he can give for itt and att the Generall concern you were all under to see us wade through our troubles, when beseiged by the Governm^{t}. wch. was occassion'd doubtless, you know how, and if common fame may be credited, wished our distruction, or your Imps would never have dared to declare with that alacrity att Atcheen and Mallacca, that this place was distroyed, besides we are inform'd that itt has been your Presid^{ts}. Accustomary hopes and wishes to see the Old Comp^{a}. and their servants brought out and hewn to peices as King Agag was.

Wee must confess wee beleive your disapointments have been great, and that you have fallen very Short of makeing great Conquests you Expected, but Should that drive Such great Souls as yours to dispair, and putt you by your reason, for other wayes you would never have Charged the most innocent so unjustly with assassin blood thirsting, horrible, and wicked designs as ever was contrivd, which was very Surprizing to us and the more to see your hands to itt, otherways we should have guessed that itt had been pened by a Caball, in Newgate, Bridewell or Bedlam, and wee flatter ourselves your Masters will be of the same opinion.

Wee think itt not worth our while to insist longer on the Subject, but to lett you know that wee Expect M^{r}. Woolston to come hither and settle his Acc^{ts}. for itt can be done no where else, being in joint Commission with one that denies all who will likewise bee here in January [*a few words lost*] Duty but their obligation in regard to their promise when first entertaind and if you Convey him away or permitt him to goe home on your Shipping, before he has Cleard Acc^{ts}. with us, lett itt be to your Perrill and the ill consequences of itt, for as we have said before, wee cant beleive he is Scar'd from comeing hither by any apprehention, y^{t}. he is under, from hericanes Cockhouses or looseing his blood without redemption, but from a guilty conscience, which Charges them wth. the worst of crimes, but how can that be otherwise then justifi'd by you, when some sitt att your board guilty of the like. We are

S^{rs}.

Your Most Injured & abused Freinds.

Fort S^{t}. George
Octr. y^{e}. 18th 1703.

Thom^{s} : Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Thom^{s}: Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thom^{s}: Marshall.
John Meverell.

No. 71.

To M^{r}. Simon Holcomb
Cheif &c^{a}. Councill of Vizag^{m}.

S^{rs}.

Yours of the 13th August wee rec^{d}. the 9th of past month and, that on the 22nd D^{o}. 18 Instant as allsoe yours of p^{mo}. Ins^{t}. rec^{d}. the 9th ℘ Sloop Expedition.

Wee rely on your promise of your speedy sending us your books in the Method wee directed.

[*A few words lost*] in y^{e}. Aska Country will come in soon enough to be sent us on the Colchester, who will be early with you, and desire you will give her a quick dispatch to Metchlep^{m}. and not detain her on any Acc^{t}. whatever.

Wee observe the Approaches of Rustumdell, who when arrivd att your place doubt not but you'l mannage affairs the best you can for the Hon^{r}. and Interest of the Company, and whereas you write, that the Duan Mootesardell[ah] and Surdars are come on your side y^{e}. river Chicacull to whom presents must be given but desire your frugallity therein.

That Ship att Battavia left England in Feb^{ry}. when three Ships was makeing ready for this Coast and the Bay, but to this day here nothing of them.

Your Bill for fourteen Thousand Rupees shall be paid, for which as well as for what fermerly sent, wee hope you'l makes full returnes in Longcloth and Sallampores, as allsoe what owing from your Merchants on your former Contracts. Wee are

Your Affection^{t}. Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 72.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 19TH OCT^{R}. 1703.

To M^{R}. [STEPHEN FRE]WEN
CHEIF &C^{A}. COUNCILL ATT METCHLAP^{M}.

S^{RS}.

Yours of the 21st of August wee rec^{d}. 1st last month that 16th Ditto the 26th and yours of the 6th Instant y^{e}. 17th.

Wee cant call to mind nor find itt in the peruseing our former Letters that we prohibited your takeing in of Chay Goods but rather to the Contrary that your Mercht^{s}. Should bring in what they were in arrears for Proportions to last Contracts.

There was but twelve Swords sent in all. Wee are glad to hear you have recoverd the Dustore due in Messrs. Lovell and Woolstons time.

Wee rec^{d}. the Pacquett from Vizagapat^{m}. and have paid your Bill for three hundred & fifty Pagodas.

The Presid^{t}. Acquaints us that M^{r}. Frewen wrote him in a ℘ticular Letter that he beleiv'd the Madapollam Merch^{ts}. wo^{d}. make a contract at this time for Ord^{y}. Longcloth and Sallampores att the old prizes, if so, and that your Merchants will engage to bring them in full lenghts and breadths close well struck and Substantiall Cloth, wee would have you agree for Ten thousand Pag^{s}. Two thirds of itt Longcloth and one Sallampores, and be as expeditious as you can, hopeing that so small an Investment will be gott ready for the Colchester, who we beleive will be early with you, and you must not detain her as you did the Phœnix, therefore provide every thing to be put on board so soon [. . .] y^{e}. road, if you agree for the aforesaid Contract you may draw Bills on us for that sum att ten days sight, that hour these Peons arrive with you

dispatch very good Peons with y^e^. Pacquett for Vizagap^m^. there being inclos'd in one for Bengall. Wee are

Srs.
Your
Affection^t^. Freinds,

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 73.

FORT ST. GEORGE 1ST NOVR. 1703.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPTY. GOVR. &CA. COUNCILL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Yours of the 8th and 14th past month wee have recd.

Wee here inclose you Coppy of Mollems Letter to the Presidt. and his answer thereto and the same was sent you att that time with a Letter dated 28th Aprill 1701 whereby you will find that there was no orders from hence for Mollems going to Dowd Cawn, and therein we only gave our opinion that if the difference could be made up att so easy a rate as before mentiond, itt would be much better than come to a breach with him but still left itt to your discretion, Coppy of Mollems letter lately wrote the President with his answer comes inclosd, wch. desire may be deliverd him, when we would have you ask him [*a few words lost*] mentiond in our Consultation of the 7th Instant about that matter and send us his Answer and your opinion thereon Coppy of which Consultation comes inclos'd, and lett us know the just sum̃ he's in arrears for Custom.

Wee perceive you have not lately perus'd the letters that past between us relateing to the Goods brought in by your Merchants over and above a former contract orderd hence to be part of the last, the Clauses relateing to that matter wee here inclose; therefore we Cannott without doing the Compa. Injustice alter what then agreed upon, so desire that the Acct. be made up Accordingly, and we shall then pay the ballance wch. you may draw, on us att six days Sight.

Your Contract we have perus'd & approve thereof, and have paid your Bill of Ten Thousand Pagodas and likewise that of one thousand three hundred, so desire you'l take great care to see that your Merchts. bring in good Cloth, which we would have well washed, evenly sorted and much better Packt yn. formerly.

The Govr. tells us that he advis'd you by Mr. Addisons Sloop of three Ships that past by on Sunday the 24th of past mo. two of which we hear since are French ships arrivd att Pollicherry, and have taken in their way a Moors Ship belonging to your Port bound to Atcheen, of which we wonder we have had no Acct. from you thereof.

Wee have seen the Paper of news they have brought Calculated for these parts of wch. we here send you a Coppy of the translate, and [*a few words lost*] that our nations affairs in Europe are in a good Condition.

In these parts we are in Extream want of rain which we Expected to have fall'n this new moon, but have had none itt seeming as fair weather was sett in and cool mornings and evenings, as if the Munsoon was over, if so we shall have a misearable time of itt, and itt would be prudent in us to make early provission

for Stores therefore if you have had rain, and that Paddy is reasonable with you we would desire you forthwith to secure two hundred Garse for this Garrison, to be sent hither by the first oppertunity after the Munsoon is turn'd.

Wee are under Speedy Apprehention of troubles about our Towns, therefore caution your Peons that comes with Letters to avoid falling into their hands if any party lyes between this and Pullamelle.

3D November.

Wee advise you by all means to keep very looking out and spies abroad to prevent surprize to this time we have not recd. one line from you Since the arrivall of ye. French Ships, the delaying of which may be of ye. worst of Consequences to ye. Companys affairs, and the Private shippg. of this place, for that we wait your news to dispatch notice thereof to all parts of India. Wee are

Yor. Affectiont. Freinds and
Humble. Servts.

Thomas Pitt.
[*Lacuna*]
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of the Pacquett to Fort St. David.

No. 1. Fort St. George Genll. Letter to Fort St. David datd. ye. 1st and 3d Novr. 1703.
2. Mollems Letter to the Presidt. wth. ye. Presidts. ansr. thereto datd. 28th of Aprill.
3. Coppy of Mockdum Nino Letter to ye. Presidt. datd. 25th Septr. 1703.
4. The Presidts. answer to Do.
5. Parragraph of Fort St. George Consultation ye. 7th Octr. 1703.
6. Parragraphs of Letter to and from F: St. David.
7. News Paper recd. from the French.

No. 74.

Fort St. George 3D Novr. 1703.

To Capt. Mocdum Nino.

I recd. your letter which was no small Surprize to mee I remember you wrote me as therein mention'd in May 1701, and the Answer I gave you thereto the Purport of which was, referring you to the then Deputy Govr. Mr. Frasier who thought itt adviseable your going to the Camp as you did, who limitted the Present to ye. Nabob Duan &c. According to ye. tenour of your Letter to me, which as you now write was Strangly Exceeded, if on your arrivall att the Camp you saw you was frustrated, why did you not write the Depty. Govr. for fresh Orders, or have made your demand immediatly upon your return, as you now do, I beleive you to be a freind to the Compa. and a well wisher to their affairs, for which I have taken all occassions from my comeing to ye. Government to make you Suitable returnes but this is [*a few words lost*] from you nor doe I see we can consider you any thing without Apparent injustice to the Company about which we have now wrote the Depty. Governour and Councill to discourse you thereon, I wish you health and prosperity and am

Your assured Freind
Thomas Pitt.

No. 75.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 4 NOV^{R}. 1703.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JN^{O}. BEARD ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY IN BENGALL & GOV^{R}. OF FORT WILLIAM &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our last to you was dated the 5th and 20th past month Coppy of which comes inclos'd, and this is Chiefly to advise you that on the 24 last month past by this road to y^{e}. S^{o}.ward three Sail which we guessed to be French Ships, when few days after 'twas Confirmd to us they were arrivd att Pollicherry, two of them being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Aprill and y^{e}. other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea.

The news they give out which is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd and likewise what we have Collected from Private Letters to wch. we give most Creditt.

Wee had sooner dispatch'd these advises to you, but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^{t}. David till last night Coppy of wch. Clauses relateing thereto likewise comes inclos'd.

'Tis reported they are haistening away from [Pollicherry, and have] taken in two Pilots, giveing out for Murga, for which reason we beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruize somewhere or other for Purchase and according as they have advises after y^{e}. Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargoe Thô 'tis not improbable that their Chief designs are for Cruzers in these Seas, one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons, and the other about 400, and 'tis said they are both full of men, we hope they'l meet with no Small trouble for takeing y^{e}. Moors Ship.

Wee know it is needless for us to mind you to impart this news, to the Company when we hope their Ships will join with ours to come up the Coast for the Security of each other.

Wee advised you in a former letter that we feared a Scarsity of grain in this place since which time we have had no rain nor no great proba[bi]lity of itt, timely enough to preser[v]e the crop on the ground, besides there is att this time no water in the Tanks so pray if you can freight hither five or six thousand M͠ds. of rice for Acco^{t}. of the Company and encourage what Ships or Vessells you can to come hither with grain, for we are not a little afraid of a Famine.

Wee desire if you have any to spare or procureable that you would send us one hundred weight of Steel Europe by first oppertunity. Wee are

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}. Your Affectionate
Freinds & Hum^{ble}. Servants
THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 76.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE NOV^{R}. 4TH 1703.

TO M^{R}. STEPHEN FREWEN,
CHEIF &C. COUNCILL ATT METCHLAPATAM.

Our last to you was the 19th past Coppy of which comes inclos'd, and this is Cheifly to advise you that on the 24th last month past by this road to y^{e}.

S°. ward three Sail which we guess't to be French Ships when few days after 'twas Confirm'd to us that they were arrivd att Pollicherry two of them being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Aprill and the other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea.

The news they give out wch. is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd, and likewise what we have Collected from private Letters to which we give most Creditt.

Wee had sooner dispatchd these advises to you but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^t^. David till last night Coppy of wch. clauses relateing thereto likewise comes inclosd.

'Tis reported they are haistning away from Pollicherry, and have taken in two Pilots, giveing out for Murga, for which reason wee beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruze somewhere or other for purchase, and According as they have advises after the Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargoe thô it is not improbable that their Cheif designs are for Crusers in these Seas, one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons and the other about 400 and 'tis said they are both full of men, Wee hope they'l meet with no Small trouble for takeing the Moors Ship.

Wee desire you to dispatch the inclosd Pacquett imediatly for Vizagapatam with fresh Peons, and that you will be Sure to send us good [*a few words lost*] gett if possible some carefull fellow to see that it is good and large for those last year were but Small.

Wee are under great apprehention of Scarsity of grain haveing had but little rain and no water in the Tanks, therefore if itt be plenty att your Port we would have you if possible freight up hither two hundred Garse You must advise all Ships and Vessells of this news, and caution them not to speak with any Ship att Sea. Import this news to y^e^. new Companys Cheif.

Your Affection^t^. Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^s^: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 77.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 4 NOV. 1703.

To M^R^. SIMON HOLCOMB
CHEIF &C COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last to you was the 19th past Coppy of which comes inclos'd and this is Cheifly to advise you that on the 24th last month past by this road to the South-ward three Sail wch. we guess to be French Ships, when few days after, twas Confirm'd to us that they were arrivd att Pollicherry two of them being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Aprill and the others a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea.

The News they gave out which is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd & like[wise what we have col]lected from Private letters to which wee give most Creditt.

Wee had sooner dispatch'd, these advices to you but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^t^. David till last night Coppy of which Clauses relateing thereto likewise comes inclos'd.

'Tis reported they are haistning away from Pollicherry and have taken in two Pilots giveing out for Murga for which reason wee beleive they are not bound thither, but design to Cruze somewhere or other for purchase, and According as they have advises after y^e^. Munsoon to clap in att Pollicherry, and take in

their Cargo thô it is not improbable that their Cheff designs are for Crusers in these Seas, one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons : the other about 400 and 'tis said they are both full of men we hope they'l meet with no small trouble for takeing the Moors Ship.

Wee desire you to forward this Pacquett to Bengall by the nimblest Peons you can procure itt being advice of importance to the Companys affairs, and private Ships out of that place.

Wee are under great Apprehention of Scarsity of grain haveing had but little rain and no water in the Tanks therefore if it be plenty att your Port wee would have you if possible to freight up hither Four hundred Garse of Paddy or two hundred Garse of rice, Wee are

Your aff^t^. Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 78.

TO THE HON^BLE^. [S^R^.] JOHN GAYER
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HON^BLE^. ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMP^A^. &C. COUNCILL ATT SURATT.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C.

Our last to you was 27th Septr. by Cap^a^. Gostlin Coppy of which comes inclosd, and this is Cheifly to advise you, that on the 24 last month past by this road to the s°.ward three Sail which wee guess to [be] French Ships when few days after it was confirm'd to us y^t^. they were arrivd att Pollicherry, two of them being Ships from France, who departed thence the first of Aprill and the other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea.

The news they give out which is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd and likewise what we have Collected from private Letters to which we give most Creditt.

Wee had Sooner dispatched these advises to you, but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmed to us from Fort S^t^. David till last night Coppy of wch. Clauses, relateing thereto likewise comes inclosd.

'Tis reported they are hastning away from Pollicherry and have taken in two Pilots giveing out for Murga, for wch. reason we beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruze somewhere or other for Purchase, and According as they have advises after the Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargo thô it is not improbable that their Cheif designs [are for Cruzers in these Seas,] one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons and the other about 400 and tis Said they are both full of men we hope they'l me[e]t with no Small trouble for takeing y^e^. Moors Ship.

Wee are under great Apprehention here of Scarsity of grain haveing had very little rain at this time and no water in the Tanks for Store for y^e^. year ensuing, God prevent a Famine.

Wee desire you will be pleas'd to forward y^e^. inclos'd Pacquett to y^e^. Company by way of Persia and the letter to y^e^. Cheif of Gombroon itt being Cheifly to advise them of these Ships that so our Ships from Bengall may be informed thereof to prevent Surprize, as any thing more of moment offers, we will not fail to write you. Wee are

Honble. S^rs^. &c.
Your Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 79.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 6TH NOV^R^. 1703.

TO M^R^. JAMES BRUCE
CHEIF &C^A^. COUNCILL ATT GOMBROON.

S^RS^.

Our last to you was dated 27th Septr. last Coppy of wch. comes inclosd and this is Cheifly to advise you of the arrivall of two French Ships att Pollicherry who left France the first of Aprill last and have taken near this Coast a Moors Ship with our Pass bound to Atcheen, they have taken in Pylots for these Seas, and are hastning out again for fear of [*a few words lost*] beleive allsoe for fear of Booty what news they brought with them comes here inclos'd, we would desire you to advise all English Ships of this news, that they may the better provide for their Security, and avoid speaking with any Ship at Sea. Wee are

S^rs^.
Yo^r^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 80.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE NOV^R^. 6TH 1703.

TO THE WORSHIP^LL^. JN^O^. BRABOURNE ESQ^R^.
COMODORE &C COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO.

S^RS^.

This is Cheifly to advise you that on the 24th. last month past by this road to the S^o^.ward three Sail wch. we guesst to be French Ships [when few days] after 'twas Confirmd to us that they where arrivd att Pollicherry two of y^m^. being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Aprill and the other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our Pass which they took att Sea.

The news they give out is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd and likewise w^t^. wee have Collected from private Letters to wch. we give most Creditt.

Wee had Sooner dispatchd these advises to you but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^t^. David till last night Coppy of wch. Clauses relateing thereto [likewise comes inclos'd].

'Tis reported they are hastning away from Pollicherry and have taken in two Pilots giveing out for Murga for wch. reason wee beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruze somewhere or other for Purchase and According as they have advises after the Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargoe, thô it is not improbable that their Cheif designs are for Cruzers in these Seas one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Ton the other about 400, and 'tis Said they are both full of men wee hope they'l meet with no small trouble for takeing the Moors Ship.

Wee would desire you to advise the foregoing news to all Europe Ships, that so they may the better provide against all dangers and order them to Speak with no Ship att Sea.

The inclosd Pacquett fer Surratt we desire you to forward by the first Safe conveyance either by Sea or land, itt containing busieness of great importance to y^e^. Companys affairs. Wee are

S^rs^.

Your affection^t^. Freinds
and Hum^ble^. Servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 81.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R^.
DEP^TY^. GOV^R^. &C^A^. COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^. DAVID.

Wee rec^d^. yours of the 9th and in a day or two shall give answer thereto, this is sent to advise you of the news we rec^d^. last night from M^r^. Tillard at Metchlapatam to which wee referr you to the Paper inclosd, and would advise you upon y^e^. arrivall of this to make all necessary preparations for a Seige without makeing any great Show of itt, and lett your Merch^ts^. make what hast they can with their Investment, letting as little as they can remain in the Country for that we would not hazzard more of y^e^. Companys att a time then Ten thousand Pagodas.

Remember to buy us what Pady wee wrote you for being Cheaper with you then here.

Wee Extreemly want some English steel and if you can send four or five Pound weight by every Peon, in your next lett us know what Lead you have and Spare none till you hear from us. Wee

S^rs^.

Yo^r^. Affection^t^. Freinds
& Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 16 NOV^R^.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JN^O^. MEVERELL.

No. 82.

To the Honble. S^{r}. Jno. Gayer
Generall for Affairs of the R^{t}. Honble. English East India Comp^{a}.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Wee were just now advised the Armenians were dispatching a Cossett to your Port, so here inclose coppy of ours dated 4th Instant wrote you by way of Anjengo since which on the 15th wee rec^{d}. a Letter from M^{r}. Tillard att Metchlap^{m}. and Inclosed a Paper of severall Paragraphs of a Letter of S^{r}. Nicholas Waits &c dated 20th Septr. adviseing of y^{e}. troubles you were under, by the Pyrats takeing two Ships of the Mocho Fleet which we heartly Condole, and wish you well deliverd out of the Clutches of those tyrants which wee hope may be Effectually done if you join with y^{e}. Dutch who we hear are resolv'd to make them hearken to reason, we hope soon after the date of S^{r}. Nicholas Letter, the Howland, Oure[ng]zeb, and new Companys Ships will be arriv'd to your assistance.

Wee are not a little jealous that these troubles may Effect us, against which we are makeing Preparation, but could wish our Masters promis'd Supplys, were arrivd, which would be wellcome to us, as allsoe to all their Settlements on this Side.

Wee are in daily expectation of a Letter from your Selves with a full relation of all matters relating here that those Pyrats are the Same that mett with, the Pembrook Friggatt, who we wish may arrive safe with you.

Honble. S^{r}. &c.
Yo^{r}. most Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. George 17 [Nov^{r}.] 1703.

Thomas Pitt.
[*Lacuna*]
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thom^{s} : Marshall.
John Meverell.

P.S.

Wee have paid your bill for one thousand Rupees to Mahomud Bussett who has farther rec^{d}. 500 rupees According to your request for wch. he has given three bills on his Masters Mahomud Kisacce wch. we will send with his Letter of advice in our next.

No. 83.

Fort S^{t}. George 26 Novr. 1703.

To the Honble. John Beard Esqr.
Presid^{t}. for Affairs of the R^{t}. Honble. English East India Comp^{a}.
in Bengall & Govr. of Fort William &c. Councill.

Our last to you was dated y^{e}. 4th ins^{t}. Coppy of wch. comes inclosd, soon after which those two French Ships put out to Sea and Some beleive they are gone to Bengall, and others a C[r]uzeing till the Munsoon is over.

The 15 Ins^{t}. wee rec^{d}. the sad news from Metchlapatam of the Pyrats haveing taken off Suratt Two rich Ships, which we Suppose M^{r}. Tillard forwarded to you, Coppy of which comes Inclosd, with a Letter and Translate of y^{e}. Dutch

Govr. of Quilones Letter to Mr. Brabourne which Confirms the news from Surratt from all wch. we inferr that our Freinds there are in great trouble and that the united Stock will very much Suffer thereby.

Wee had here but little rain this season nor no great matter more doe we expect so that wee fear grain will be very dear, besides if itt be not we may [*a few words lost*] Surratt news will cause fresh troubles, and prevent grain and other provissions comeing out of the Country. Wee are

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your affection^{t}. Freinds & Hum^{ble}. Servants

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 84.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 26 NOV^{R}. 1703.

To M^{R}. STEPHEN FREWEN
CHEIF &C^{A}. COUNCILL AT METCHLAPATAM.

Yours of the 11th Ins^{t}. we rec^{d}. the 22^{d} with the Coppy of the Maddapollam Merch^{ts}. Letter to you in which they Should have been more particular as to the Proportion of the fine Cloth with the Course, and the Exact price of each Sort, and then wee would have given our Punctuall answer thereto.

Wee have perus'd y^{e}. List of your Goods in the Godown none of which must be Sent the Company wch. they have prohibited and for the Gulcondah Betteelas unless they were the Remains of former Contracts they must be taken in att the Present prizes and Still as that wee beleive little or nothing is to be gott by their[. . .]

[We hope] M^{r}. Tillard forwarded the Surratt news to Bengall of which we have this day an Acc^{t}. from Anjengo Coppys of wch. Letters comes inclosd which we have likewise remitted to Vizagapatam and Bengall by Cossetts this day dispatched.

Our last to you was the 4 Instant Coppy of which comes inclosd.

Your Affection^{t}. Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 85.

To M^{r}. SIMON HOLCOMB
CHEIF &C^{a}. COUNCILL OF VIZAGAP^{M}.

Yours of 28th past month we rec^{d}. the 20th Instant with your books Letter &^{c}. but not one word how your Investment goes forward or what number of Bales we may Expect from you.

When your books that are behind are brought up wee give leave to M^{r}. Stables to come hither but not before for 'tis very probable that upon our Expected Ships from Europe, there may come Comissioners or Supravisors, so that 'tis very fitting all Acc^{ts}. be ready for their Veiw.

[*A few words lost*] M^{r}. Tillard sent us from Metchlep^{m}. y^{e}. new[s wee] had from Surratt of the Pyratts which we hope M^{r}. Frewen sent you, but fearing he

has omitted wee here inclose a Coppy thereof with what wee have rec^{d}. this day from Anjengo, so earnestly press you to gett in your Investment with all Speed and the Companys Debts. Wee are

Your Affection . Freinds
Thomas Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

P.S.

We find in the Acc^{t}. remains in your Books you have ninty Candy of Lead by you, of which send us Sixty by the Comp^{a}. Ship, receiving enough for your own Occassion or by any other Ship that will bring itt freight free.

No. 86.

To William Tillard Esqr.
Presid^{t}. &c^{a}. Council for y^{e}. New Comp^{as}. affairs att Metchlap^{m}.

S^{rs}.

Yours of the 27th of Septr. and ℘^{mo}. Instant wee have rec^{d}.

'Tis the Mannagers orders to us to Direct our Letters to the New Comp^{as}. President and Councill att Metchlapatam and since the Presid^{t}. and Councill are all dead but yourself 'tis our opinion that you take in some Senr. Factors to your Councill till the Mannagers or your Directores give orders therein for Should you doe oth[er. . .] from whom must they Expect an Acc^{tt}. of their affairs in this matter or in any other, if you want our advice or assistance we are ready att all times to give itt.

With your Last Letters we rec^{d}. Coppy of the Paragraph of S^{r}. Nicholas Waites Letter concerning the Pyrats, and what Mischeif they have done, which wee fear has brought our Country men into great troubles, and occasion^{d}. no Small Loss to our United Comp^{a}. which we heartly Condole and wish our Ships were arrivd there to their assistance.

This day wee rec^{d}. Letter from Anjengo Coppy of which comes inclosd, and Translate of the Dutch Gov^{rs}. Letter from Quilone, which wee have forward[ed] to Vizagap^{m}. and Bengall and hope you did the Same by S^{r}. Nicholas Wait's, for 'tis necessary all our settlements Should be advised to prevent surprize.

If any Ships arrive or wee receive any news of importance we will be sure to remitt itt to you. Wee are

Fort S^{t}. George 26th Novr. 1703.

S^{rs}.
Your hum^{ble}. Servants
Thomas Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thom^{s}: Marshall.
John Meverell.

No. 87.

To the Worship^{ll}. John Brabourn Esqr.
Comodore &c^{a}. Councill att Anjengo.

S^{r}.

Yours of the 2[4] past month wee rec^{d}. the 26th Instant with translate of the Dutch Commanders Letter before which we had advises from Surratt by means

of the new Comp^{as}. Presid^{t}. att Metchlapatam who sent us some Parag^{s}. of S^{r}. Nicholas Wait's Letter Coppy of wch. comes inclos'd, and beleive upon takeing the Second Ship the Moors were Strangly enrag'd, which has prevented our freind from writeing to us, if there be four Ships as the Dutch advise, we know no force can withstand them on that Coast, unless their Ships will join with ours, we thank you for dispatching this advice to us, and desire you will continue to doe the same on all occassions whatever. Wee are

S^{rs}.
Your Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 29TH NOV^{R}. 1703.

No. 88.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^{R}.
DEP^{TY}. GOV^{R}. & COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

Both yours of y^{e}. 15 & 23 Instant wee have rec^{d}. and paid your bill of Exchange For Ten Thousand Pagodas advised of [*a few words lost*] Boat under the care of Narrain send you eight thousand Pag^{s}. not leaveing above one thousand Pagodas in Cash here, and for the remaining Two thousand you must draw on us.

The news Papers from Ponticherry are Calculated for these parts, and Accordingly wee have a regard to them.

As soon as you have an oppertunity send us the fifty Garse of Paddy you have Securd for us.

If the Government of Surrat extorted Six Laack of rupees for the Pyrats takeing the first Ship we Can't guess what they will doe upon hearing another is taken, besides there is two Ships missing which God knows whats become of them.

Wee have not any Europe men to Spare for that we want them very much for this Garrison, besides 'twould not be convenient to send them till we see what the Nabob intends to doe, for if he should come hither, wee Should find wee have few enough to defend the Place and if they give you trouble and not us we can send you assistance by boat att any time, for two months to come.

Pray send us an Acc^{t}. what goods your Merchants have brought in, and what number of Bales we may Depend on from you as allsoe lett us know what Goods our Merch^{ts}. here have delivered you, and send for their Conicoply to know what more they have in their Godowns, and remitt us a particular Acc^{t}. thereof.

Saterday last we had great hopes of rain, but none fell which makes Grain Rise here, [*about two lines lost*] and desire you to send what more you can spare [and] allsoe forbear disposeing of your Lead.

For the future the Worriar of Worriar Pollem must have nothing to doe with your Watchman nor must you make one that has any dependance upon him.

Wee here inclose Coppy of our Letter Rec^{d}. from Anjengo, and a Translate of y^{e}. Gover n^{r}. of Quilones to M^{r}. Brabourn.

Wee here Send you Two Chest of Persia Wine which is all the boat will take in. Wee are

Your Affection^t. Freinds
& Hum^ble. Servants.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.

The Chest of treasure comes with a bereej and rope wch. pray receive with y^e. Chest.

No. 89.

FORT S^T. GEORGE DEC^R. 10TH 1703.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R.
DEP^TY. GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCILL OF FORT S^T. DAVID.

S~RS~.

Our last to you was the 30th of November wch. the Presid^t. tells us you have rec^d. Since which we have great complaints from Surrupee &c. Merch^ts. that Narra Redde detains of theirs Ten thousand five hundred Pag^s. for Acc^t. of mony due to him and some of his inhabitants, from yours, concerning which wee have [*a few words lost*] nevertheless find there is little or nothing done in itt, by which the Company is likely to be great Sufferers, so have resolv'd that if on receipt of this your Inhabitants concerned do not forthwith clear that matter, so that the Companys mony in y^e. Country be released, wee require that you send the Persons hither, as ℘ List inclosa for that wee'l admitt of no Excuse to the Contrary and wee'l see and adjust itt here if Possible to the Sattisfaction of both Parties.

Letts hear in your next the number of Bales we may depend on from you.

Wee want your Generall Books or we shall close ours without them. Wee are

Your Affection^t. Freinds
& Hum^ble. Serv^ts.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 90.

TO THE HON^BLE. JN^O. BEARD ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A.
IN BENGALL & GOV^R. OF FORT WILLIAM &C. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Coppy of yours of th 9th October with that of the 24 Novemb^r. wee rec^d. the 5th Instant ℘ the Restoration, but admire what should become of the originall of that of the former.

M^{r}. Bruces detention of deceas'd Cap^{ts}. Estates is very unaccountable Thô people now [*a few words lost*] not the Conduct as you may see by the arrivall of those Goods of Capt. Grantoms whose administrators, wee beleive grudged the Insurance, but had that Ship mett with any misfortune, then the Insurance wo^{d}. have been prudent mannagement and your Presid^{t}. wo^{d}. have had thanks for the same and if the Wentworth arrived Safe you'l hear Capt. Saxes Adminstr[] had much rather you had sent Goods then Bills, thô we think Security prefferrable to uncertain Gratitude.

Wee observe what you write about the difficulty of getting Salt Petre and if itt still continues, wee know not what we shall doe for the Ships now come out, who Cheifly are sent for that Commodity.

Wee must own itt a great ommission wee did not advice of the receipt of the Armenians mony, for the freight of y^{e}. Ship which was duly paid by M^{r}. Affleck after the Ship Saild hence the sum being 10857^{Pa} : 5^{fa}.

Wee perceive the price of Copper is Extraord^{y}. fallen, but hope you'l make some Shift to provide sufficient quantity of Salt Petre for the Colchester, without Bartering yours for so low a rate.

Some time past as we advised you wee heard of the troubles att Surratt, by means of the Pyrats, which Suites with y^{e}. Account M^{r}. Redshaw &c^{a}. gives you from wch. we infer that 'tis very probable that 'twill not be long before we meet with fresh troubles from the Government.

[*A few words lost*] Colchester were [. . . .] batterd in the Voyage in so much that they are not yett recoverd besides they are so heavy, dull, ill-Shap'd monsters not fitt for what you intend them, or otherwaies you may be sure, wee would have sent them you.

Wee have not yett mett with any Person desirous of sending mony into Bengall to lye att Interest, but as soon as wee doe shall advise thereof.

Wee have perus'd S^{r}. Edward Littletons &c. Letter to you and cant but admire att their weakness as well as baseness in asserting such notorious falsitys, we here send a short answer thereto with a flying for your perusall.

On the 14th Instant here arrivd the Tavestock who left England in May last in the Company with the Dutchess and Severall other Ships bound to China. The Tavestock and Dutchess were at Atcheen and departed thence the latter end of last month the Dutchess bound to your Port who hope before this will be Safely arrivd.

Wee here inclose [a] Pacquett for you from our old Masters, a Coppy of the sale of Goods which we are orderd to send you with a Coppy of Letter from both Sec^{ry}. adviseing the arrivall att Barbadoes the Ships that winterd att Marritius which Capt. Martin Says arrivd in the Downs few days before he Saild.

[*One line lost*] advised you now y^{e} [Comp^{a}...] Settled their Servants on this [Coast so] shall not trouble you with itt in this.

Our Masters Expect that M^{r}. Woolston comes hither to Settle his Acc^{ts}. and hope that y^{e}. Councill that manage the United Trade will order the Same who may assurance to Woolston that his life is in no manner Jeoperrdy. Wee are

Honble. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.

Your Affection^{t}. Freinds &
Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO FORT WILLIAM IN BENGALL.

N°. 1. Fort S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}. to Bengall dated 18 Dec^{r}.

2. Coppy of D^{o}. Dated 26 Nov^{r}.

3. Presid^{t}. & Councills Letter to S^{r}. Edward Littleton &c^{a}. att Hugly under a flying Seal.

4. Pacquett from y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Company to Bengall.

5. Coppy of Letter from y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. 23^{d} March.

6. Coppy of the Sec^{rys}. Letter to Fort S^{t}. George dated 24th March.

No. 91.

[TO M^{R}. SIMON HOLCOMB]
CHEIF &C COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last to you was 26th past month Coppy of which comes inclos'd, and wish you haistin to us your Books ending in Aprill with the ꝑticular Acc^{t}. of your Dead Stock and the Condition it is in, surely you will [be] able to send upon the Colchester the amount of your Investment itt being So small.

W en your Cheif's Ship departs hence we Shall send what wee can procure here fitt for Presents, and hope you'l be Successfull in your treatment with the Nabob as well as frugall in your Expences on that occassion.

Wee wish you would or could Comply with our request of sending us grain fearing that the same will be Scarse this year in these parts.

Wee earnestly press the getting in our Old Masters debts, being Strictly order'd ye expiating itt on winding up the bottom.

You will receive with this Letter from the President and Councill for the mannagement of the united Trade, so that you must Write them for mony for y^{e}. Expences of y^{e}. Garrison &c^{a}. draw Bills on y^{m}. for what you take up upon that Acc^{t}., We shall write to our Masters in England to stop the 500 rupees owing by M^{r}. Owen to your Merch^{ts}., Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE DEC^{R}. Y^{E}. 18TH 1703.

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JN^{O} : MEVERELL.

No. 92.

TO S^{R}. EDWARD LITT[LETON]
PRESID^{T}. &C. COUNCILL FOR THE SEPERATE AFFAIRS BELONGING TO Y^{E}.
NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL.

S^{RS}.

Presid^{t}. Beard &c^{a}. Councill remitted us a Coppy of your Letter to them dated 18 Sep^{tr}. att which wee were Surprized finding in the first clause that whereas our freinds y^{e}. Presid^{t}. and Councill att Fort William were resolved to

Say no more relateing to Woolston you agreed to be Silent therein, but yett upon peruseing your Letter we perceive the Same Spirit of baseness in you as formerly.

The Monstrous designs you Charge us with, wee observe are to be proved by that Rapitable Person Woolston and doubtless he was to be Active in some & ye. Object of other designs, is as Credible a Person as ye. other.

Our Deportment to your Embassadors and Consulls was Suitable to their meritt and the Interest we were in, against wch. they made their uttmost ifford to ruin & distroy, & what wee did therein to Support itt wee Shall in any place and att all times Justifie.

Your Consull as you mention Mr. John Pitt for he was none in these parts his corps was not denyed buriall in this Place but the President would no[t] pay any Complemt. to itt in regard that he came into this road in a most Saucy insolent manner, without paying any [*a few words lost*] Flagg or his old masters [. . .] from whence he had his first bread besides the President could not forgett his unparrelled ungratitude to himself and the frequent ill Treatments of him in discourse with the Vilest of Language att his Generall Table. This is all att present worth our whiles to answer wee remain

Your Humble. Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE 21ST DECR. 1703.

THOMAS PITT..
[*Lacuna*[
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 93.

To SR. JOHN GAYER
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE GOVR. & COMPA. OF MERCHTS. OF LONDON
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES &CA. COUNCILL ATT SURRATT.

SRS.

Our last you was the 17th past month Coppy of which comes inclos'd.

This Pattamar we have detain[d] here a long time to send you the news of the arrivall of our Europe Ships.

On the 14th Instant here arrid. the Tavestock who left England the begining of May and came in Company with ye. Dutchess to Atcheen where they arrivd the begining of November and Saild thence the latter end, the Dutchess going for Bengall.

Wee recd. Letters from our old Masters dated the 5th March $170\frac{2}{3}$ wherein they acknow[ledge] [*a few words lost*] no manner [of . . . who]. that advised them of our being beseig'd and our ill Circumstances wth. the Government throughout India.

They sent on this Ship Sixteen men whereof nine are allready dead and two a dying.

The mannagers Letter dated 9th May $170\frac{2}{3}$ have appointed their Factors Employs on thi[s] Coast Vizt.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Thomas Pitt Esqr. President and Governour.
Mr. Gabriel Roberts Second.
Mr. Francis Ellis Third.
Mr. William Frasier Fourth.
Mr. Thomas Wright Fifth.
Mr. Thomas Marshall Sixth.
Mr. Danll. Dubois Seventh.

FORT S^T^. DAVID.

M^r^. John Pitt Governour Independant on this place excepting Investments.
M^r^. Matthew Empson Second.
M^r^. Edm^d^. Mountague Third.
M^r^. Vicessimus Griffith Fourth.
M^r^. Ralph Ingram Fifth.
M^r^. John Berlu Sixth.
M^r^. Trevor Games Seventh.

but as M^r^. John Pitt is dead M^r^. Roberts remain[s] there and itt reverts to itt Subordination to this place as in the old Companys time.

In Bengall they have laid asside both the Presid^ts^. from being concern'd in the united Trade and have elected four of each Councill to negotiate that affair, the Cheif of each to take y^e^. Chair alteratively but [*one line lost*].

The Stock brought out in this Ship Goods and mony is thirty one Thousand Pounds Ten of which is to be sent to y^e^. Bay where we beleive their Stock is not much more and by what they write these two Ships seem to be sent out Cheifly for Salt Petre.

Her Majesties Ship the Severn and Scarborough which came with them as farr as Sta. Auga and 'tis said they are bound to your Coast, thô our Masters nor the mannagers mention one word of them, there is comeing out to you the Josiah and Abington on the united Acc^t^. and 'tis reported that some more men of Warr will come out with them.

Wee hear from Anjengo that the Pyratt lyes off of Cochin where we fear hee'l do mischeif to our Persia Ships, Capt. Gostlin who has a Pacquett for you as allsoe the Pembrook Friggatt, we are advised from them that they lye att Columbo to waite an oppertunity to escape the Pyrate.

Wee have rec^d^. not a line from you since your misfortunes, wch. we should be glad to hear was over and that y^e^. Howland, Orenzeb &c were arrivd with you.

Wee here inclose Mahomud Bussetts bill of Exchange for five hundred Rupees drawn on his master Mahomud Isaakee with his letter of advice. Wee are

Your Most Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

THOM^S^: PITT.
THOM^S^: WRIGHT.
THOM^S^: MARSHALL.
JOHN: MEVERELL.

No. 94.

TO THE WORSHIPP^LL^. [JOHN] BRABOURNE ESQ^R^.
COMODORE &C^A^. COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO.

Here arriv'd on the 14th Instant the Tavestock Capt. Matt: Martin Comander from England who came in Company with y^e^. Dutchess bound for Bengall and as farr as Sta. Auga wch. with two of her Majesties Ships bound for the Coast of India, and the mannagers write us that the Josiah and Abington are following on y^e^. united Trade and that some more men of Warr will [be] with them.

Wee have not heard from S^r^. John Gayer Since their misfortunes wch. makes us fear y^e^. Government is severe with them, wee desire that you will forward this

Pacquett to Surratt by the first and Safeest Conveyance knowing that you have att this time of year Vessells going up the Coast. Wee are

S^r^.
Your Humble Serv^ts^.

THOMAS : PITT.
THOMAS : WRIGHT.
THOM^S^ : MARSHALL.
[*Lacuna*]
JOHN : MEVERELL.

No. 95.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R^.
DEP^TY^. GOV^R^. &C. COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^. DAVID.

S^RS^.

Yours of the 7th and 16th Instant wee have rec^d^. and be the Shorter in our answer thereto, by reason itt containes many things that are to be answerd by the Govr. & Councill for the united Trade to which we referr you and Shall only write you what appertains to our Old masters affairs, wch for the future you must Write distinctly.

Wee observe you have a Considerable quantity of goods brought in on your last Investment, as allsoe what belongs to our Merchants here which gives us hope we shall have Sufficient for Loading the Chambers Friggatt.

Here will goe hence to morrow Twenty washers to whom we have paid twenty five Pagodas for which you must deduct itt out of their Coolee.

Wee have rec^d^. y^e^. 12½ pound of Steel.

The troubles att Anjengo are occassion'd by a Rebellion against the Government with whom M^r^. Brabourne sides.

By the first Vessell we will send you the fowle and the fair Consultation Book the latter being now Signd by M^r^. Frasier, wch hope will be a precaution to you to keep up your Consultations &c^a^. and lett them run behind hand [*a line and a half lost.*]

[. . .] more to say to Somiahs busieness only [. . .] they doe not agree matters there that you will send them hither.

The indisposition of M^r^. Haynes is no reason why your books should be behind hand for in Such Cases the Rest of the Councill ought to assist him and we assure you the Company expects the Same, you were cautioned of this last year when your bookes came so late that they could not [be] brought into ours.

Wee Shall this day pay your Bill for three thousand Pagodas.

For the future in all affairs that relate to our old masters you must derect your[selves] to the President and Councill for the Seperate aff[airs] of y^e^. Governour and Company of Merch^ts^. of London tradeing to the East Indies att Fort S^t^. George, and we here send you the Paragraphs of their Generall Letter relateing thereto.

Here is a report as if y^e^. French were Cruzeing for our China Ships wch. God Divert falling into their hands, but if so great a misfortune shall befall our masters and us too, how must we pay the mony taken up att interest, for our last Investment for which the Presid^t^. & Councill have given their bonds, therefore whereas wee would not put such a slurr upon our Masters reputation or discouragement on the Merchants with whom you have Contracted as to downright forbid them proceed therein, yet you may use Such discreationary ways, as

to [*a few words lost*] what you can in value, [*a few words lost*] brought in their quantity of [*a few words lost*] wch. we depend upon to fill up the Tonnage. Wee are

Yours Affection^{t}. Freinds
& Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}.
Thom^{s}: Pitt.
[*Lacuna*]
Thom^{s}: Wright.
Thom^{s}: Marshall.
John: Meverell.

No. 96.

To the Worship^{ll}. Gabriel Roberts Esqr. &c.
Councill for Affairs of the Govr. & Comp^{a}. of Merch^{ts}. of London Tradeing to y^{e}. East Indies at Fort S^{t}. David.

The President has Acquainted us of the death of M^{r}. Haynes as likewise Show'd us the Letter signed by M^{r}. Roberts and M^{r}. Mountague as allsoe the dying words of M^{r}. Haynes, In the first part of which he seems to have perfectly his Sences and when he bequeaths his Estate to be divided in Equall Shares between his Sister and Children, and his Trustee for the same he appoints M^{r}. Edmund Mountague, but after that what he says seems to be incoherent, just as if he was expiring, so haveing considerd of itt, we have thought fitt to appoint and request M^{r}. Mountague to be his Trustee, and if he pleases, whereas M^{rs}. Isabella Haynes his Sister is to have an Equall [share . . .] he may [. . .] him when he peruses [. . . .] when done we desire M^{r}. Mountague to lay before us a particular Acc^{t}. of his Estate, when we will give him fa[r]ther orders therein. Wee are

Your Affection^{t}. Freinds
and Hum^{ble}. Servants
Thom^{s}. Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Thom^{s}. Wright.
Thom^{s}. Marshall.
John Meverell.

Fort S^{t}. George, 29 Decr. 1703.

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No. 52.

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Wee shall not be able to send you above twenty Soldiers, on the two small Vessells, and a very able Serjeant to Coṁand them, whom wee have promised preferment when he returns, His orders shall be to follow yours or such of your Council as you shall send to the wreck, beleiveing you to be the properest Judges what is to be done, so wee desire that upon receipt of this to send your orders to meet them at Tutacareen, where wee will order the two small Vessells to call for them, wherein you must appoint them what place to goe directly to. Wee are

Your humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
W^{M}. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

No. 53.

TO THE WORP^{ll}. GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^{T}. HONO^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}.
&C^{A}. COUNCIL AT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

Yours of the 16th Instant wee received the 20th adviseing the receipt of the 6000 Pagodas.

The destinction that is to be between N°. 26 & 25 Betteelas 40^{co}., N°. 26 is the head, of which wee sent you a muster, wch. is Thirty two Pag^{s}. a Corge, the 2^{d}. sort wch. is to be N°. 25. Pag^{s}. 30. ℘ Corge N°. 29. 50 Cov^{d}. Betteelas, Pag^{s}. 40. ℘ Corge, & N°. 28 Pag^{s}. 37 ℘ Corge, and wee wo^{d}. not advise you to take in any Lower then the second Number.

Wee wait for the answer of your Merchants, who ever did Complain of their Contracts, tho' gained ever so Considerable, and will still do y^{e}. same.

Wee will do what [wee] can to perswade washers to come to your assistance but doubt much of the Success.

The Hono^{ble}. Mannagers have ordered no blew Cloth, and what wee send brown must be what wee have not time to wash, you may also take in Sallampores at $2\frac{1}{8}$^{co}. broad at a proportionable abatement.

Pray hasten y^{e}. muster of Neckcloths.

Wee don't dislike your Letting the Comp[^{as}] bounds but take it to be an incumbant duty upon you to advise us thereof before you do it.

Pray hasten hither your Books as you promise.

Lett Somiahs money be remitted hither in your next by a Bill upon the President and Councill here for the United Trade, and then in few days wee expect to see that long depending business ended.

Wee but lately sent you a considerable quantity of Packing Stuff, and have now but little by us, but as soon as wee are supplyed from Vizagapatam, or Bengall wee'l send you more, and for Factors provisions they shall come by the next boat.

Wee resolve on the 26th. at night to dispatch hence twenty Peons with Ten Thousand Pagodas therefore wod. have some of yours meet them at Conimeer as formerly, and these remises wee make by Peons by reason the rains are approaching, when 'tis not Convenient to send mony by land, and therefore what you want, you must take opportunityes to draw Bills upon us.

Wee request that you will hasten your Merchants not only to Conclude this last Investment, but also to bring in their goods with all speed on their former, We are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE 24TH
AUGST. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 54.

TO THE WORPLL. GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED TRADE AT FFORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

Our last to you was the 24th which doubt not but is come to hand, this comes cheifly to advise you that under the conduct of Kisnadaus and Twenty Peons, wee have sent you Ten Thousand Pags. not questioning but your Peons will meet them at Conimeer as formerly advised, so that 'twill be brought conducted to you. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE 26TH
AUGST. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 55.

TO THE HONOBLE. COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
AT FORT WILLIAM IN THE BAY OF BENGALL

SRS.

Our last to you was dated the 8th Inst. copy of which comes Inclosed.

This ship Martha had sooner been dispatcht to you, but that she was delatory in delivering her goods and her men very weak, many of which wee fear will drop off in Bengall.

Wee here send you Redwood for her Charterparty Kentilage, and what stores were ordered for you out of England, except four small warps, which wee have taken out for the service of the Vessells wee intend to send to the Neptunes wreck Invoice amo[ts]. to Pag[s]. 872. 24. 4. & Bill of Loading comes inclosed.

Wee wrote you by the Tavistock when sent you a List of stores that wee want for this Garrison, copy of which comes inclosed unto which wee now make this addition,

Seven Thousand peices Gunnys	7000 Peices
Three Candy of Twine	3 Candy
Two hundred Bengall maund of wheat if new & good	200 Maund.

and desire that all our stores may be the best of their Sorts, and whereas wee doubt not but you will fill up those Ships with Rice that call here, which wee desire may be finer then what usually sent by reason it keeps best, and wee desire if you can to send us five Bengall maund of white Lead and about 30 Gallons Linseed oyle, wee finding by experience that paint is the best preservative of the Companys buildings both to wood and Iron.

Wee here inclose the Ships Charterparty which wee desire you will return with the Ship. Wee are

S[rs].
Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

FORT S[T]. GEORGE 31ST AUG[ST]. 1704.

THOMAS: PITT.
WILL[M]: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN: MEVERELL.
THO: FREDERICK.
ROB[T]: RAWORTH.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℘ SHIP MARTHA

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2 Copy Dittos dated 8th Ditto.
3 Invoice of Ship Martha to Bengall.
4 Bill of Loading of Ditto.
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6 Charterparty of Ship Martha to be returned wth. y[e]. Ship.

No. 56.

To CAP[TN]. SAMUEL GOODMAN
COMANDER OF SHIP MARTHA.

Upon receipt of this you are to repair on board your Ship, wind and weather permitting to weigh your Anchor and shape your Course for the speedy attaining the Road of Ballasore, where on your arrivall by the first opportunity you are to send our Packet to ffort William directed, To the Hono[ble]. Council for Affairs of the R[t]. Hono[ble]. United English East India Company at ffort William in the Bay of Bengall, whose orders you are to follow for your future disposall, and in regard wee have a War you are to keep your Ship always in a posture of defence, and avoid what possible you can speaking with any Ship at Sea.

You are not unacquainted of the arrivall of a small Ship at Pollicherry from ffrance who advise of four more comeing out of considerable force bound thither, which wee fear is to true, so that it requires you not only to keep a good look out in your passage down, but likewise when you draw near the Road of Ballasore, for fear of ffrench Ships lying there, w[ch]. if you should discover, & you think they

are superior to you in force wee doubt not then but you'l use the prudent part to preserve the Ship & the Comp^{as}. effects on board you, Wee wish you a good voyage and date these in ffort S^{t}. George this 31st of August 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^{M}. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

No. 57.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, ꝑ^{MO}. SEPT^{BR}. 1704.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{Y}.
AT FFORT WILLIAM IN THE BAY OF BENGALL.

S^{RS}.

Yesterday wee dispatcht the Martha who intended to have sailed early this morning, but last night late came in Peons from Metchlepatam which brought us yours of the 9th and the 23^{d} March 7th April & 19th May, and the Ship being still in the Road, wee have just time to return this answer wch. wee'l do more fully in our overland Letters the latter end of this month.

The Letter you intended us by the Dutches requires little or no answer, only wee are sorry she had not the Good luck to proceed to us.

The Managers ordered the Sallary of none here but their Governour & Council, as also at ffort S^{t}. David, copy of which wee here Inclose,* and whereas the New Companys ffactors and writers Salary were more then the Old Companys, they order that what of the new Companys Servants were taken into the United Service their salary agreed for in England should be Continued to them till the Expiration of their Covenants, and then to be reduced to the Old Companys accustomary salary, and all salary to be paid in the Country, to such as were in their service from the 22^{d} July 1702, as also to those that serve them for the future.

Your originall Letter by the Armenian Cossid never came to hand the purport of the Copy of which wee observe, and find that Cap^{tn}. Raymond had boisterous weather to encounter with, who if he had happened to got out in the Condition the two Dutch Ships were, without an anchor as reported he would have found it very difficult to have dealt with this Coast at that time of year, you doubtless did well to protest, which his owners and him must answer at home.

The Gold sent on the Tavistock was weighed in the presence of severall here and $15^{dwt.}$ may be in the difference of the scales, Silver was not procureable here but at extraordinary rates, besides by our last years accounts of the sale of Gold, more especially Allumgeer Pagodas turned to a better acco^{t}. then at the price wee must have bought Silver or Rupees here, which was the reason wee sent you Gold.

Wee are in expectation of the small vessells you mention, who can run so near the Shore as to avoid the danger of an enemy more particularly the vessell wee lately wrote for to send to the Neptunes wreck.

The Mannagers writt us that we are to Lade 200 Tons of Goods on the Tavistock and that the Dutches is to be dispatched from Bengall.

Wee doubt not but the Scipio has brought you out some Physick, which is the reason wee send you none, but if it should so happen that they have not, there is a Chest Doct^{r}. Bulkly acquaints us that the Doctors matte of this Ship has, to whom he has wrote, if you should have occasion for one, to offer you the refusall.

You say you design to Dispatch the Tavistock in November which is Generally a Tempesteous month, and whereas the Mannagers have given no directions to the Contrary, wee think it emplys that they leave it to discretion to dispatch their ships so that they may be a security one to another.

Wee are heartily glad to hear that your Government is so quiet, as ours also is, and wish they may both Continue so, and all other places where the Company have Settlements. We are

Your affectionate ffreinds
and Humble Servants
THOMAS PITT.
WILL^{M}. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

No. 58.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 4TH SEP^{BR}. 1704.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
FOR THE UNITED TRADE AT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

Yesterday wee recd both yours of y^{e}. Ult^{o}. past month and 2^{d} Instant, with the Latter the Generall Books, as mentioned, and desire you to send the Duplicate of Letter B as you promise.

'Twas a poor thing that Cap^{tn}. Gostlin refused to bring those Prisoners, and they would esteem it very unkind should any of them be refused so inconsiderable a thing on any of the Companys Ships, you may send them by boat as you desire.

You advise of the receipt of the 10000 Pagodas, and the 7th at night wee are resolved to send you Ten Thousand Pagodas more, and accordingly wee wo^{d}. have you send your Peons to meet them at Conimeer.

Wee observe what you write of your Merchants that you are not able to prevail wth. them to bring in Goods at the same prizes as the last Contract time Runs away, and delays on this account may be of the worst of Consequence, not only in bringing our Masters Ships on Demorage but deprive them of their expected returns, which is of the greatest advantage to them, considering which wee have this day come to the following result, to leave it wholy to you to conclude the Contract on the best terms you can, remembering not only the Companys Interest, is concerned but likewise your Credit, and you must hasten them the bringing in the Goods with all expedition, and what you advance above what wee formerly ordered, wee hope you will do as you say, regain it in the exact sorting thereof.

You well know what Tonnage wee have upon our hands to dispatch in January, and that the Loss of the Neptune has, very much disabled us from provideing that quantity, therefore wee must lessen the proportion ordered of fine Goods and Increase the Course, besides the Company have ordered that the Longcloth should be midling fine which wee take to be abo^{t}. 50 Pag^{s}. ℘ Corge, and are resolved not to exceed sixty, and for the muster of Sallampores, send it us with all expedition as formerly wrote you.

We will send you what washers wee can procure very speedily.

Wee have rec̃d your Bill payable to Somiah for Pagodas 491·18 which wee shall duely comply with, but for the two notes mentioned for 56 Pagodas wee have not rec̃d.

Wee wait for your muster of Neckcloths.

In Mahomud Tyres Ship (who stays two or three days at Covelong for salt) wee sent you two Chests of Medicines and a Chest of Factors Provisions, for wch. Invoice and receipt comes Inclosed Wee are

Your Affectionate freinds
and humble Servants,
THOMAS PITT.
WILL^M^. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

No. 59.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE SEP^BR^. 7TH 1704.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL
FOR THE UNITED TRADE AT FORT S^T^. DAVID.

S^RS^.

Our last to you was the 4th Instant when wee advised you of sending Tenn Thousand Pagodas on the Seventh in the Evening which wee now do under the care of Kisnadaus and Twenty Peons, which wee can't doubt but will be mett with by yours at Conimeer, as desired, wee wish the money safe to you and are

S^rs^.
Your Humble Servants
THOMAS PITT.
WILL^M^. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

No. 60.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 14TH SEP^BR^. 1704.

TO M^R^. SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HONO^BLE^.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^A^.
COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

Wee rec̃d both yours of the 4th & 13th past month, and with the Latter the Bengall Packets, which were speedily forwarded by M^r^. Tillard at Metchlep^m^. as you desired.

Wee rec̃d your musters of Longcloth and Sallampores, with the prizes fixed thereto, but as you say they are the fagg end of the Cloth, and that you keep the better part for Musters by you, we cannot so well make a Judgement of it, but must leave it to you, so desire you'l make the Companys Investment this year in those sorts, chargeing you to take great care in the Sorting, Washing and Packing, and you must send us up the Musters by which you sort the Cloth, that they may goe home with ours here to y^e^. Comp^a^.

By the Musters the cloth appears to be something Course, which if the Merchants will help by bringing in of a little finer you may consider them accordingly.

The Cloth you Pack up brown must be the best, and free from Spotts, and well dryed, otherwise 'twill milldue in the Voyage.

Wee rec̃d your Generall Books wch. as soon as overhalled by Mr. Fraser the Accomptant wee shall acquaint you the Errors therein.

Wee paid your Bill for Pag^{s}. 300 and 800 Rupees to the President.

Inclosed comes Copy of our last dated 15th and 26th past month wth. Invoice & 2^{d}. Bill of Loading for what sent you on the S^{t}. George Friggat.

Wee depend upon your promises of being thrifty in your expences which will be very acceptable service to the Company.

Wee wonder how you come to make that mistake of bringing the Old Comp^{as}. Lead which lay for sale into the Dead Stock, besides the Presid^{t}. & Council say that they ordered you above a twelve month agoe to send it up on the Old Comp^{as}. Acco^{t}. Wee are

Your Affection^{r}. ffreinds
THOMAS PITT.
W^{M}. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JN^{O}. MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

No. 61.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 18TH SEP^{BR}. 1704.

TO THE WORP^{LL}. GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED TRADE AT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

Yours of y^{e}. 11th wee have recd.

Wee are in daily expectation what conclusion you make with your merchants relateing to the Contract, and whereas wee before wrote you that our stock is much Lessened by the Loss of the Neptune, so must Lessen the quantity of fine Goods, and increase that of the course so desire you'l make the

30000 p^{s}. ord^{ry}. Longcloth 40000 p^{s}. Forty Thousand peices.
15000 p^{s}. Sallampores ord^{ry}. 20000 p^{s}. Twenty Thousand peices.
abate 1000 p^{s}. 40^{co}. Betteelas—One Thousand peices.
abate 1000 p^{s}. 50 D^{o}. —One Thousand peices.
abate 1000 p^{s}. fine Longcloth—One Thousand peices.
Abate 1000 p^{s}. fine Sallampores, One Thousand peices.

For Washers wee shall not be able to send you any, for of eighty that went hence to you last year none of them are returned, and wee have here but 200.

Wee have received the two Bills for 56 Pag^{s}. belonging to Somiah omitted to be sent in a former Letter, as also your Bill for Pag^{s}. 1327·23·3 which shall be Complyed with.

Wee here inclose a Bill of Exchange on Poll Chittee for One Thousand Pag^{s}. given by Sunca Rama, which receive and Credit us for the same.

19TH DITTO.

S^{RS}.

The foregoing is what wee had wrote before wee received yours of the 16th which was this morning, and observe the Conclusion you have made with your Merchants, and since you could gett no better termes wee approve thereof, but desire you to keep to the quantity of each sort as near as possible is mentioned in the foregoing Letter, and hasten them what you can, to bring in all the Goods for the Jan^{ry}. Shipping, for wee shall extreamly want them.

The President says he advised you this day with the Letters that went for Trincombar that wee would dispatch to you on Thursday the 21st. In the Evening, Ten Thousand Pagodas, which you may depend on, therefore send your Peons to meet ours at Conimeer to conduct it safe to you, and wee will not be wanting in sending you further supplyes to the utmost of our power.

The Bales of Broad cloth wee knew nothing of, they belonging to our Merchants to whom wee sold them, of which the President says he advised you some days past when you sent him an express about them.

Pray advise in your next how much goods, and the particulars, your Merchants have brot. in on the former Contract of Twenty Thousand Pags. Wee are

Srs.

Your Affectiont. ffreinds and
Humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO: FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 62.

FORT ST. GEORGE 21ST SEPTBR. 1704.

TO THE WORPLL. GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE. UNITED ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMPANY AT FFORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

As in our last advised wee now dispatch to you this evening Ten Thousand Pagodas under the care of Kisnadaus and 20 Peons, which wee hope will meet yours at Conimeer and be safely conducted to you.

By sloop come this noon from Pollicatt wee are advised by the master that the Saru[m] a great ship off Annore that stood into the Sea which wee [suspect] to be a ffrench man therefore keep a good look out, and advise us as soon as ever a ship arrives at Pollicherry and pray hasten your merchants to bring in Goods Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
WM. FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO: FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 63.

FORT ST. GEORGE 7TH OCTOBR. 1704.

TO THE WORPLL. GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNR. &CA. COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AT FFORT ST. DAVID.

SRS.

Wee have recd yours of ye. 24th & 27th past month, and with the former came the Prisoner that Murthered ffrancisco de Pina, as also ye. Witnesses, who

wee much wondered to see in Irons, we shall speedily bring him to his Tryall and acquaint you with the event, Serjeant Brookes with the Corporall &c^a^. went hence a day or two agoe upon a Boat dureing their stay here the Paymaster Lent them Pag^s^. 1. 18 acco^t^. of wch. comes inclosed, Wee have also sent you Serjeant Brannock, who wee desire you to entertain as so, and if you send a Serjeant hither he shall be in his roome, the occasion of his leaveing this place was the frequent quarrels with his Wife, the Govr. has also returned you Serjeant De bane, who he would not permitt to remain here, haveing to the last degree disobliged him, by cutting down some Trees, wch. adjoined to the Comp^as^. Garden thô he strictly charged him severall times to the Contrary, by wch. y^e^. Garden is very much defaced.

We rec̃d the Duplicate of the Generall Books Letter B and copy of those Letter L belonging to our Old Masters.

You advise the 10000 Pagodas gott safe to you and before this month is out, shall send you such another supply or more if possible, thô at this time wee have not above 1000 Pag^s^. in Cash, wee here Inclose two Bills of Exchange of Sunca Ramas on Poll Chittee for 2000 Pag^s^. which pray receive and Credit us for the same.

Wee have nothing more to say relateing to the Contract, but desire you to hasten the bringing of it in, and see that they are such goods in all respects as may be to the satisfaction of our Masters.

Few or none of those washers that were sent hence, on the Companys or any other Acco^t^. ever returned, and those that remained here, for want of business of Late are dwindled to few in Number, so that wee fear there is no probabillity of sending you washers from hence, but hope you'l procure them at the adjacent places you mention.

Wee think it not adviseable to make up any brown Cloth till at last, and then what can't be wash't must be sent brown, when you must take care that it be clean from spotts and well Packed.

The Governour of Trincombar advised y^e^. Presid^t^. of y^e^. receipt of our Europe Packets, who has promised his care therein.

Wee have Complyed with y^e^. Paym^t^. of your Bill for 2500 Pag^s^. to the President and Council for the Seperate Affairs of the Old Comp^a^.

Wee are glad to hear your Merchants have brought in so much of the Contract of Twenty Thousand Pagodas, and hope by this 'tis compleated.

The Govr. hears that the ffrench Ship at Pollicherry is put to sea well mann'd, wee wish that none of our Atcheen and Mallacca Ships may meet with them.

Wee have agreed here to fill up your Council with M^r^. Richard ffarmer who is to be Seventh, and hope he will deport himself so in all respects as to deserve to be continued therein, so that you may now appoint every one his particular station as wee directed before M^r^. Empson was dismissed the Service, which was done at his own request. Wee are

S^rs^.

Your Affectionate ffriends
and humble Servants,

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^M^. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

No. 64.

To the Worpll. Gabriel Roberts Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David
for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. United Company.

This is to advise that by Kisnadaus and Twenty Peons from hence, with the Peons that came with Doctor Landon, wee send you Twelve Thousand Pagodas, two thousand of which is a Bill all which wee hope will come safe to you, when pray credit us for the same. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds &
humble Servants

Fort St. George 18th October 1704.

Thomas Pitt.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.
Thoms. Frederick.
Robt. Raworth.

No. 65.

Fort St. George 24th Octobr. 1704.

To Gabriel Roberts Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council for Affairs of the
Rt. Honoble. United English East India Company
at Ffort St. David.

Our last to you was the 18th Instant by Peons, with whom wee sent you, Twelve Thousand Pags. which hope before this are arrived with you, and on their departure wee recd. yours of the 13th.

Wee shall be sure to supply you with mony as it comes in, hopeing that what already sent you and a supply of fiveteen Thousand Pagodas a month for the future will enable you to comply wth. the Merchants and in January, whatever shall remain due to them shall be cleared off.

Wee have done our utmost to procure washers here, but all to no purpose.

Wee acquiece in your Packing up Brown Cloth, which is clean and free from spotts, as it comes in, part of which may be washt at last, if we have time but be sure to see it well dryed to prevent mildewing and Packed with the screws.

The Sloop and small Ship sailed from Pollicherry is most certainly gone to look out for the Ships they expected, and the Ship is double manned.

Wee observe what you write of Mr. Vicess. Griffith, whose indisposition you say, will not permitt his attending the Warehouse as required, The Companys Affairs must not suffer for the disabillitys of any one, Lett it be of what nature it will, therefore you had best Continue Mr. Harrison as his assistant.

Pray in your next send us an Account of what cloth is come in, and the quantity of Bales. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

Thomas Pitt.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick
Robt. Raworth.

No. 66.

To the Hono^ble^. S^r^. Nicholas Wait
President &c^a^. Council for Affairs of the
R^t^. Hono^ble^. United English East India Company at Surat.

Gentlemen

Our last to you was dated the 18th. Aug^st^. copy of which comes Inclosed, since which wee have recd yours of the 28th. July, wth. all papers according to List on the 19th. past month.

Wee are sorry for the Great mortallity in the Men of Warr, as well as for the severall Letters you mention, wrott the Government, the ill effects of which wee fear you all feal before this Time.

Wee observe what demands are made by the Gov^mt^. on the Old Company, wch. we are sorry to hear, but hope they are not spurr'd on theirto by their own country men, where that burthen will light at last a little time will show, wee can say little to the proceedings of the men of Warr, hopeing he will not exceed his comission in his Actions, but whereas he was wrote bigg to the Government, and if at last should goe away without setting S^r^. John Gayer at Liberty, he will then Leave the English Interest in a much worse condition then he found it.

Wee are likewise of your opinion that many opportunityes have been Lett slip, when advantagious adjustments might have been made of those demands.

Wee wish the Lasckarree who was so near Bombay may not be ill neighbours to it, and for what you write about the two Messengers sent to Goa, concerning the two Arrab Ships, we hear nothing of it from thence.

Your early advices to us of all matters of importance, will be great service to the Company and acceptable to us, and we shall be sure to do the like from hence.

Your Packet to the Court of Managers shall be forwarded by the first ship from hence.

Wee have had advices of the safe arrivall at Batavia of all the China Ships, and wish wee could hear of the same of the Westmoreland with you.

We had sooner wrote you but that wee deferr'd it some days in expectation of the arrivall of the ffrench Ships at Pollicherry, for want of which they seem to be under some consternation, yet nevertheless, wee are not a little jealouse, that they are now at some port in India for they have lately sent out a Sloop and the small Ship that arrived from France double mann'd, which in all probabillity is gone to them.

Wee wrote you in our last that we designed to send two small Vessells of the New Companys from Metchlepatam and one from Bengall to the Neptunes Wreck, the two former were detained so long that Lascars would not Venture on them, and the latter we hear nothing off, nor have had any Letters from thence since the 19th. May last, so hope you have ordered the Abington to their Assistance, and what else you can spare from your Parts, tho' in September last from Anjengo they give little hopes of recovering any thing considerable.

Wee send you this by the three Peons you sent to Metchlepatam, and the Duplicate of it Wee shall send Via Anjengo. We are

Gentlemen,
Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

Fort S^t^. George, 24th. October 1704.

Thomas Pitt.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Robt. Raworth.

No. 67.

To the R^{t}. Worp^{ll}. John Burniston Esqr.
Deputy Governour for the Affairs of the
R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. United Company &c^{a}. Council at Bombay.

S^{rs}.

Wee rec̃d both yours of the 13th. and 16th May ℘ Cap^{tn}. Gostlin who arrived not here till 3^{d}. past month, and thank you for forwarding our Packets to Surat, and remitting those Letters you found in your Europe Packet for this Place, as also for sending us the Extract of the Mañagers Settlements in your parts.

Here is no news yet of the four ffrench Ships that have been so long expected, tho' we have reason to suspect they are at some Port in India, by their sending from Pollicherry a sloop and a small ship as we beleive with advices to them.

Wee are disappointed of the Vessell we expected from Metchlepatam and Bengall to send to the Neptunes wreck, so hope the Generall has ordered the Abington and what other assistance he can spare to them.

Wee have not heard from Bengall since May last, All the China Ships arrived safe at Batavia and hope to hear the same of the Westmorland with you. Wee are

S^{rs}.
Your most humble Servants

Fort S^{t}. George, 24th. Octo^{br}. 1704.

Thomas Pitt.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Robt. Raworth.

No. 68.

Fort S^{t}. George, 24th. Octr. 1704.

To the Worp^{ll}. John Brabourn Esqr.
Com̃odore for Affairs of the
R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. United English East
India Company &c^{a}. Council at Anjengo.

S^{rs}.

Our last to you was dated the 22^{d} Augst. copy of which comes Inclosed, since which we rec̃d yours of the 9th of past month, the 2^{d} Instant when did hope long before this to have dispatcht to you the Assistance we promised, of which we are most unaccountable disappointed, for that the New Comp^{as}. Vessells at Maddapollam came so late out of that river that when they came to Metchlepatam no Lascars would adventure upon them hither, so that they now lye in that river till after the Monsoon is over, which we shall now deferr sending to you unless incouraged by your future Letters, and for the Bengall Vessell, which we expected the beginning of this month wee hear nothing off, nor have we from that Place since we wrote them on that subject.

Your writeing that the Ships bottom floated off, which afterwards was halled ashore by the natives, makes us very apprehensive that the Treasure and heavy goods are buryed in the sand and irrecoverable of which wee expect an Account from you in your next, if Cap^{tn}. Lestly proceeded to the wreck, as you wrote us, as also whether the natives, had purchased anything considerable out of the sea.

Wee much fear that all our friends at Surat are in great troubles of which we daily expect an Account.

The Packet for the Court of Mannagers shall be forwarded by the first ship that sails from hence.

Wee here send you Packets for Surat wch. pray forward by the first and safest conveyance, Remember us to Cap^tn^. Lestly, whose Letter wee have rec̃d, & hope he will meet with good success on the Expedition he was then going.

Here is as yet no news of the four French Ships that have been so long expected, which has tired the Patience of those at Pollicherry, who have sent out a Sloop and the small Ship that arrived from France double Manned in search of them, which makes us Jealouse, that they know to what Port they are to come, thô at Present they give out they are afraid they are fallen into their enemys hands, for of certain they came out of France.

25TH OCTOBER.

Just as we were dispatching the foregoing to you wee rec̃d yours of the 30th past month which gives us great hopes of saveing all or most part of the Neptunes Treasure, and those Letters from Captain Lestly gives great probabillity thereof, wee are not a little concerned at the disappointments, wee have met wth. in this Affair, of which you are advised in the foregoing Letter, wee shall hasten hither the two small Vessells from Metchlepatam, as soon as they can come with tolerable security, and on their arrivall dispatch them to you with what men they can carry, and stores of all sorts you desire, and doubt not but they will be with you by the latter end of December. Wee are

Your most humble. Servants
THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 69.

To MR. RALPH SHELDON, MR. ROBERT HEDGES,
MR. JOHN RUSSELL,
MR. JONAN. WINDER, MR. GEORGE REDSHAW,
MR. ROBT. NIGHTINGALL,
MR. EDWARD PATTLE, MR. BENJN. BOWCHER,
COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED TRADE IN THE BAY OF BENGALL.

SRS.

Our last to you was the 31st. August and pmo. September ℘ Martha copys of which comes Inclosed. The latter was in answer to severall of yours after wee had dispatcht that Ship, and in now peruseing those Letters again wee find little omitted to be answer'd.

In one of your Letters you mention of takeing in Old and New Compas. Servants into the United Service, which wee think not to be farely done, till they have cleared their Accounts with their former Masters.

You write as if it was left to your Choice by the Managers to dispatch either of the Ships Tavistock or Dutchess from your Port to England, which is otherwayes in their Letter to us, who possitively direct the Dispatching of the Tavistock from hence.

Wee deferr'd from day to day dispatching of this Cosset, expecting that wee should before this heard of the arrivall of the four French Ships wee formerly advised you off, which to the great trouble of those at Pollicherry are not yet heard off, who about Six weeks since sent out a sloop and a small ship double mann'd about twenty days past in search of them, so that reasonable to conjecture that they know where they are to come, Tis most certain they departed ffrance,

and unless they are fallen into their Enemys hands, wee may be sure to hear of them at some Port in India, so hope all our ships will act wth. that caution and Security as to prevent any misfortune from them.

Wee did hope long ere this the Sloop wee wrote you for to send to the Neptunes wreck would have been arrived here, as also two small Vessells of the New Companys from Maddapollam, wch. wee did design for that expedition, but are so unfortunate as to be frustrated in all, which as yet is undeterminable, whether 'twill be to the prejudice or advantage of the Company, for in our last Letters from Anjengo, which were dated the 9th. September, they write that the bottom of the ship wth. the working of the sea was floated off, notwithstanding the great weight that was upon it, which bottom the Natives had halled ashore, and found but Lead on it, so 'tis feared the heavy goods, with the treasure are sunck too deep in the sand to be recovered, at which time they were sending Cap^{tn}. Lestly wth. a Monchew to the place of the wreck to prevent the Natives working on it, an Account of which wee daily expect.

They from Anjengo write us also that the troubles at Surat, were likely to swell to a greater bulk then ever, the Mogull haveing countermanded the delivery up of the security Paper, and ordered all Christians, the Armenians included, to be strictly confined to the Citty, till they paid for those two ships the Pirats took last year.

The Hugliana Ketch is not yet arrived from the West Coast, which wee suppose will fall down to your Port, if so pray hasten all our Letters hither by the first good and safe conveyance.

The Acco^{t}. of the Charcole sent on board the Martha just as she was going to sail, was inclosed in a blanck, copy of which wee here send you.

Wee have no material news from any part to write you, but when any offers shall not fail to send it you.

Your Letter dated 23^{d}. March ꝑ Armenian Cosset, came not to our hands till the 4th. Instant. We are

Your Assured ffreinds & Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, 24TH. OCTO^{BR}. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

No. 70.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, 24 OCTOBER 1704.

TO M^{R}. SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HONO^{BLE}.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY
&C^{A}. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAP^{M}.

Our last to you was the 14th. of Sept^{br}. copy of wch. comes Inclosed since which wee have rec̃d yours of the 11th. D^{o}. with the good news of the safe Arrivall of the S^{t}. George ffriggot, and that you had rec̃d the Treasure and Goods Loaden on her the freight for which we have paid here.

Wee have perused your Contract with your Merchants, who you say could not be brought to bring in goods without impressing mony to them, which is contrary to the Mañagers orders to us, & ours to you, therefore pray take care there be no bad debt made, nor no arrears stand out, but that wee have full returns by the Ship wee have ordered to call on you from Bengall, wee much wonder you could not put off that small quantity of Europe Cloth to better advantage, wee haveing since sold the whole quantity which is to a great amount to double that proffit.

Wee recd your Consultations, and as for a seal of the United Companys, wee have none, they haveing not as yet sent any out to any of their settlements as wee know off.

If you hear of any ffrench Ships on your Coast, be sure advise to Metchlepatam, and send us speedy Notice thereof.

Wee desire you to forward the Bengall Packet by the best and nimblest Peons of your place.

The Ship that shall call on you from Bengall to take in the United Companys Goods, dispatch to us immediately.

Inclosed comes our Accomptants Remark upon your last books which pray observe, and rectifie it in your next. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 71.

To MR. THOMAS FAUCET.

SR.

Wee recd. yours of the 20th. and 25th. last month, and 3d. Instant, and observe the hardships you mett with by a long passage, and at last forc'd to Vizagapatam, whence you advise you took out the Compas. Goods, and left them with Mr. Holcombe to be put on board the Humphry and Charles bound for Metchlepatam which we approve of.

Tis a great disappointment to us the not comeing of the Yatch and Fly, which we have so long expected, we well observe what you write relateing thereto, for which can lay no blame to your charge.

When you have taken an Account of the Dead Stock at Maddapollam, wee expect your account thereof as you promise.

Wee shall receive the Pallankeen of Mr. Tillard of which you advise.

Mr. Wood the former Master of the Yatch has as yet made no demand of wages, which wee take not to be due from the United Trade, when Thomas Chapman arrives here with the Yatch, wee shall see and settle his pay and adjust all matters with him, The 12 Laskars Ship't in August when recd two months pay, since they refused to come up with the Vessells they ought to return the pay, or at least to have half pay dureing their lying in the River.

Wee wod. not have you refuse the New Companys Merchants Warehouse roome for their Goods, nor their Servants Accommodation in the ffactory.

You advise the French Parr is ordered into Maddapollam River, pray if you hear of any French Ships that fall in upon the Coast near you advise hither immediately as also to Vizagapatam, which may prevent our Shipping falling into their hands.

The Boat you sent Mr. Tillard is in Kisnapatam River, which wee have ordered hither not being able to return to you.

As soon as the Monsoon is well over wee would have you dispatch to us the Yatch and the Fly, and whereas we hear there is a new barge belonging to the New Company, wee wod. have the Yatch Tow her up, and send every thing with her that belongs to her, and if there be a necessity for it, wee wod. have all the Vessells, well Graved and cleaned, before they come out of Metchlepatam River, and pray see that they have good sails Anchors and Cables, & well caulkt. And

whereas wee have ordered Narrain to buy some Chay goods if to be got cheap, which we enjoyn you to keep a Secret, and not to impart it to any one what ever, neither White nor black, which goods when bought he is to deliver to you ready embaled, which wee order you to send up upon the Yatch if no better opportunity presents of Shipping at that time, and when you dispatch the Vessells to us, be sure you charge them not to speak with any vessell at Sea, if they can avoid it.

Wee hear there is horse furniture belonging to the New Company, which pray send us, as also Six hides for that purpose, to make Bridles Stirrups &c^a^. hearing that the Leather in your parts is much better then what we can get here, and never fail of sending speedy advices of all news of importance, more particularly if you here, of french Ships or news from Surat, Pray dispatch im̃ediately the Inclosed Packets to Vizagapatam.

Just as was dispatching the foregoing to you came in Letters from Anjengo, adviseing the great probabillity they had of Recovering all or most part of the Neptunes Treasure to effect which they extreamly want the two vessells at your place, wch. we at first promised them, therefore hasten them to us as soon as possible, you can, but still have regard to their security, and not hazard them if you see a prospect of foul weather, we beleive the barge if well fitted wo^d^. be serviceable upon the wreck, but don't lett the vessells be detained for that, but send it afterwards by a Country boat that will tow her up. Wee are

Your humble Servants

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 24TH OCTO^BR^. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

No. 72.

TO KITTEE NARRAIN AT METCHLEPATAM

Wee recd both yours of the 15th. and 19th. last mo^th^. the former from Vizagapatam and the other from Maddapollam, wee observe what hardships you underwent in your passage and were glad to hear of your safe arrivall at last.

The President Acquainted us that in a Letter of yours to him, you much doubted, whether you should get, those Chay goods wee ordered under fifteen or Twenty ℘ Cent abatement, so being assured you'l do the best you can, we leave it wholy to you, desiring that you'l see the goods are the best of their sorts, full Lengths and breadths, well washed, sorted, and Packed, as for Sallampores and Longcloth, wee would not have you meddle with any unless it be on the terms wee formerly mentioned in our orders to you, and if the mony you carryed with you fall short one or two Thousand Pagodas of the amount of what you buy you must gett Bills upon us here, wee not being able to send it you from hence, by reason of the troubles in the way.

When you have finisht your business and don what you can relateing to the affairs, you went about of the Companys, you may return hither, when wee would have you deliver the Goods you buy for the Company unto M^r^. Thomas Faucet, who wee have ordered to Ship them on the first good vessell bound for this Port. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds

FORT S^T^.GEORGE, 24TH OCTOBER 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

No. 73.

To M^r^. Thomas Faucet.

S^r^.

Our last to you was the 24th past month copy of which comes Inclosed, since which have recd yours of the 22d. and 24th. Do.

The boat is safe arrived and in the River.

Wee observe what Chay goods Narrain has provided, and wish you had sent by Land a List of the Dead Stock at Metchlepatam and Maddapollam as formerly promised.

Wee take notice what you have paid the Laskars and Mr. Chapman, with whom wee shall account accordingly when they come hither.

You must also pay your Peons monthly and wee charge you to keep no more then what is absolutely necessary, the Accot. of which send us monthly, and as you want mony to defray the same, wee give you Leave to draw a Bill on us to the amount of your charges hitherto, and for the future wee will make provisions for it.

Wee take notice that the weather prevented the vessells comeing out of the River, and 'tis well it did for we have had it very blustering here with a great deal Rain, wee wish they may arrive safe at last as also that with you from Vizagapatam. No news as yet of the French Ships.

There is a probabillity that all Europeans will make a breach at Surat therefore we would have you Act cautiously and if can get an understanding in the Dutch ffactory so as to participate in their advices from thence. Wee are

Your affectionate ffreinds

Thomas Pitt.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Robt. Raworth.

Fort St. George 14th November 1704.

P.S.

Pray forward the Inclosed Packet for Vizagapatam, & send us by the first opportunity of Boat or Vessell, all the Timbers remaining of the New Companys at Maddapollam as also the Crown there designed for the Top of their House.

No. 74.

To Mr. Simon Holcombe
Cheif &a. Council for Affairs of the
Rt. Honoble. United English East India Company at Vizagapatam.

Our last to you was the 24th. of last month copy of which comes Inclosed, since wch. have recd none from you, and have little to add thereto, There is no news as yet of the ffrench Ships, nor whither the small Ship and Sloop are gone.

Wee have lately had great rains, such as has not been known for many years, and blustering whether with it, wch. makes us uneasy till wee hear that the boat is safely arrived at Metchlepatam with the goods, delivered you by Mr. Faucet.

Pray forward the Packet to Bengall by such as will be most speedy therein, Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds

Thomas Pitt.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Robt. Raworth.

Fort St. George 14th. Novr. 1704.

No. 75.

To Mr. Ralph Sheldon, Mr. Robt. Hedges,
Mr. John Russell, Mr. Jonathan Winder,
Mr. George Redshaw, Mr. Robt Nightingall,
Mr. Edward Pattle, Mr. Benjn. Bowcher
Council for the United Trade in the Bay of Bengall.

Srs.

Our last to you was dated the 24th of October past copy of which comes Inclosed, to which wee have little to add, but to advise the News we heard since from Suratt dated as ℘ copys of the Letters Inclosed &ca. and that as yet wee hear nothing of the ffrench Ships, nor whither the small Ship and Sloop are gone.

Our last Letters from Anjengo give great hopes of saveing the Neptunes treasure, but we are incapacitated thereto, by the None arrivall of the Sloop from your Port, and the two small Vessells from Metchlepatam.

Wee have lately had great Rains such as has not fallen these many years. Wee are

Srs.

Your Assured ffreinds and
Humble Servants

Fort St. George, 14 Novr. 1704.

Thomas Pitt.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.
Thomas Frederick.
Robt. Raworth.

List of the Packet to Bengall.

No. 1 Fort St. George Generall to the United Council in Bengall dated 14th Novemr. 1704.

2 Copy Dos. dated 24th October 1704.

3 Copy of Sr. John Gayer &ca. Council at Surat's Letter to Fort St. George dated 24th. August 1704.

4 Copy of Dos. dated 13th Sepr. 1704.

5 Copy of a Perwaña from Assat han to the Govr. of Surat.

No. 76.

Fort St. George, 14th. Novr. 1704.

To Gabriel Roberts Esqr.
Depty. Governour &c.a Council for Affairs
of the Rt. Honoble United English East
India Company at ffort St. David.

Wee recd yours of the 24th. past acknowledgeing the receipt of the 12000 Pagodas.

The Nabob is now at Arcott and 'tis at present reported here he designs for Tanjore, 'tis not unlikely that he may be troublesome to you at his going or returning, so that 'tis necessary to provide accordingly.

Wee will very speedily send you a further Supply of mony.

Wee have had very great rains here, so that it very much detards the washing the Cloth.

Since writeing the foregoing wee rec͠d yours of the 11th. Instant, which we wil speedily answer, Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 77.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 18TH. NOVR. 1704.

TO MR. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF &CA COUNCIL
FOR THE UNITED AFFAIRS AT VIZAGAPATAM.

SRS.

Wee wrote you the 14th. Instant since which wee are advised that Mr. ffaucet and Narrain have provided at Metchlepatam fifty-five Bales of Chay goods which is to a considerable vallue, so that wee would not willingly have them left there the Year round this is therefore to desire you to order what Ship shall come from Bengall of the United Companys to call at Metchlepatam, for the aforesaid Goods, provided the Comandr. runs no Visiable risgoe from any french Ships you may hear of in those parts, or from any bad wheather that may happen at that time.

Send the most expeditious advices you can to Metchlepatam of the Ships arrivall from Bengall or any thing elce of importance, which may be expedited from Maddapollam to Metchlepatam by fresh Peons of the Company. Wee are

Srs.

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 78.

TO MR. THOMAS FFAUCET AND
KITTEE NARRAIN AT METCHLEPATAM.

This day wee were informed by Narrains son, what chay goods his father had provided for the United Company being fifty five Bales, which wee fear are more then the two small Vessells are able to bring up with Tollerable safety, of which you are the best Judges, so that not knowing but you may be of the same opinion with us, wee have wrote to Vizagapatam to order the United Companys Ship that comes from Bengall to call at your port to take them in, as ℘ our Letter Inclosed with a flying seal for your perusall, which Letter you are to forward to them, by the most expeditious manner, if you think the two small vessells can't take them in, but if they can you are to detain this Letter and return it to us, besides if the Ship should call to take in the bales you may Load on her what Lumber left remaining that you could not send on the Vessells, but if possible find some Conveyance or other for the Timbers of the New Companys to be sent

us, If you find it necessary you may settle Tappyes for a frequent and speedy Correspondence between you and Vizagapatam. Wee are

FORT S^T. GEORGE, 18TH. NOV^R. 1704.

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOM. FREDERICK.
ROB^T. RAWORTH.

No. 79.

TO PATRICK DIXON
ENSIGN FOR THIS PRESENT EXPEDITION TO
SHIP NEPTUNES WRECK AT MANNACOREE.

There being a necessity of sending some Soldiers to Mannaccoree, near Cape Comorine to assist at the Neptunes wreck, Tis hereby ordered that you goe and act as Ensign, dureing this Expedition, and that you keep your men in very good order dureing your Passage, where when you arrive you are to follow the orders of John Brabourne Esqr. Comodore of Anjengo, if you find him there or any of his Council, or in their absence Cap^tn. Lestlys, or such as M^r. Brabourn and his Council have appointed to act as Cheif, and if you are Comanded on any Action I would have you advice with Ensign Hugonin that so you agree on best manner to effect what you goe about.

You have here delivered you a List of the Amunition and Provisions, on board the Riseing Sun, of which you must take all imaginable care are not Embezled in your Passage, and what provisions is expended you must keep an Exact Account thereof, and deliver it with what remains, as also the Amunition to such as you shall find Comand in Cheif at the Place whither you are bound, I strictly charge you to take care of the health of your men, and keep them under good disapline, and punctuall obey all orders given you by the aforementioned Persons. Dated in ffort S^t. George the 30th November 1704.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 80.

TO THE WORP^LL. GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL FOR THE
UNITED AFFAIRS AT FFORT S^T. DAVID.

FORT S^T. GEORGE 30TH. NOV^R. 1704.

S^RS.

Yours of y^e. 11th. Ins^t. wee rec̃d the 14th. Ditto.

We have perused the List of goods already received, and what your Merchants say are upon the way comeing to you, wch. wee think very considerable, and to Incourage their going on briskly with the Investment, wee here send you on the Huglyana Ketch, Fifteen thousand Pagodas, Two thousand seven hund^rd. of which comes in Bills, which are in one of the Chests wth. the money, wee have likewise sent you Packing Stuff, and some boards, Nails &c^a. for the Sheathing of this Vessell which arrived from the West Coast the 23^d. Instant, therefore as soon as she arrives, wee desire you would hasten the getting her into the River, and if possible Expeditate the work so as to gett her out next spring, the Master haveing promised his utmost Industry therein, and afterwards wee Intend she shall bring what Bales ready hither, hopeing she will be able to make two or three trips.

Wee know not whither the ffrench sloop is gone, but their ship is arrived at Callicutt who in her way thither took the Tibby Ketch Cap^tn. Weoly belonging to this Port.

Wee have paid your Bill for four hundred Pagodas to M^r. Hunt.

Wee will furnish you with a state horse as soon as possible.

Wee yesterday rẽcd a Letter from Mr. ffarmer, wch. wee here Inclose for your perusall, wherein you'l find to say no worse of it, very unmannerly expressions, threatning that if wee dont comply with his Demands, he will then think of all just ways & means, for redress, If Mr. ffarmer thought it an Injustice to him, that Mr. Games should Continue Land Customer and Scavenger of Cuddaloor, how came he to sign that Letter without any objection, wherein Mr. Games made it his request to us, for the Continuance thereof, besides wee thought that whereas wee had admitted Mr. ffarmer, upon his frequent importunitys into the Council, as lowest, he might very well have been satisfyed, with that Employ he found vacant, and lett his Superiors Choose before him, and not to have been so troublesome to sollicite that thats none of his right, and accordingly 'tis determined here that Mr. Games Continue Land Customer and Scavenger at Cuddaloor, and that Mr. ffarmer has such an employ as is vacant, and Generally officiated by one of the Council.

Wee wrote you in a former Letter the reasons of our permitting Serjeant Brannin going hence to serve in your place, but forgott to desire you to stop two Pags. a month out of his pay towards the Ssubsistance of his wife, which pray remitt by your Peons monthly.

Invoice amounting to Pags. 15252·22 fanams for what Shipt on the Huglyana Ketch and Bill of Loading comes Inclosed. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 81.

TO THE HONOBLE. GOVERNOUR OF GALLE OR COLUMBO
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE. NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Our Company haveing had the misfortune to loose Lately one of their Ships near Cape Comorine, which obliges us to send some vessells to assist in saveing what possible of the wreck, whereof this is one of them, and few days past hearing that a small ffrench Ship, that sailed the beginning of October from Pollicherry, had taken a Ketch of your Island belonging to this Port, not knowing but that she may be still cruseing thereabouts, wee have ordered our Ships and vessells, as they have Conveniency to call in at either of your Ports, of Collumbo or Gally, for news, when wee desire you would be pleased to favour them with your advice and assistance as they shall stand in necessity thereof, and wee shall on all occasions acknowledge it, by any service wee can do your Rt. Honoble. Company or your selves, so wish your Honor. &ca. all health and prosperity Wee are

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Your most faithfull freinds
and humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE PMO. DECR. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 82.

FORT S^T. GEORGE, P^MO. DEC^R. 1704.

TO TASSERRA MEER CAWN
CHEIF MINISTER TO MANGAMAU.

I doubt not but you have heard of the loss of one of our Companys Ships, near Cape Comorine, to which wreck wee are sending these vessells, which being too small to goe about the Island, wee have sent them to Pass your way, and desire you will not impeed them in the Least, nor detard them, for that they have no manner of Merchandize on board, and nothing in them but Amunition, and Provissions, and the same will be confirmed to you from your Servants here, who shall always be treated, according to your civillity to us, I wish you all health and prosperity.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 83.

TO THOMAS HARRIS
MASTER OF SMACK RISEING SUN.

Wee have Laden considerable store of Provisions, and Amunition, on board the vessell of which you are Master, the Perticulars of which wee here deliver, so order you upon receipt of this to repair on board your smack, and receive on board Ensign Dixon and the 29 Soldiers that he'l bring with him, as also a Surgeon, Armorer, and a Smith, who as soon as putt on board, you are to weigh your Anchorr, and bend your Course for the speedyest attaining Mannacorree near Cape Com̃orine, where the Neptune was lost, where when arrived, you are to follow the orders of Com̃odore Brabourne, or such as you find there that he and his Council have appointed to Com̃and in Cheif, to whom you are to deliver the Amunition and Provisions from time to time as they shall require them, as also the bagg of one thousand Pagodas now delivered you.

You have been advised here of a small ffrench Ship that went from Pollicherry has taken off Zeilone a Ketch belonging to this Port and carryed her to Callicutt, who wee are apprehensive will cruse on that Coast, and it may be will come down as farr as Cape Com̃orine and Zeilone therfore it behoves you to be very vigilant in looking out for her, and do what possible to avoid her, and if you should be so unlucky as to meet her who has but 10 Guns and 50 Men, wee order you to Consult the Millitary on board you in makeing the best defence you can, and wee think it not amiss that if you fall in wth. Gally or Collumbo to send, and can do it without loss of time, to send your boat ashore, to Enquire what news, and that you may have the Assistance of the Govr. of either place, wee here deliver you a Letter to send ashore to them, Ensign Dixon has the Command of the Soldiers, so wee have given him a List of the Provisions and Amunition, that is on board you who wee have charged to keep an acco^t. of the Expence thereof, dureing your passage thither, so that you must permitt him to take what Provisions he thinks necessary for his men, and you to order your Lascars to Rum̃age for the same, as he shall require.

Wee have for this Expedition mounted on you Six Guns, and accordingly stowed you with Powder and shott, as also wth. Ropes, blocks and other necessarys, that wee judge may be wanting for service on the wreck, all which as well as any thing else you have, must be sent ashore, or delivered to the ordere of him that Com̃ands in Cheif at the wreck whose directions you are to observe in every perticular, and whereas you have store of Powder on board you, you must be very carefull that no misfortune happens thereby, wee therefore order that you never go into the Hold, or where any Powder is, with a Candle but in a very good Lanthorne.

You are to make all imaginable conveniency on board your vessell, for the well Lodging of the Soldiers, which will Contribute very much to their health, and 'tis ordered that the Ensign keeps them under a good decorum to prevent all disputes and disturbances.

Tis of great concern to the Companys Affairs, your speedy arrivall at the wreck which wee hope your Dilligence and abillity will effect, so wish you a prosperous Voyage, and Date these in Fort St. George this pmo. Decr. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FFRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 84.

TO FRANCIS HUGONIN
ENSIGN FOR THIS PRESENT EXPEDITION TO
SHIP NEPTUNES WRECK AT MAÑACORREE.

The Maddapollam Yatch and ffly being Loaden with stores and Amunition for this Expedition to Mannacoree, on whom wee send Nineteen Soldiers & appoint you their officer to Comand them, and keep them in good order dureing your Passage thither, where when you arrive you are to follow the orders of John Brabourn Esqr. Comodore of Anjengo, or such as he shall appoint to Comand in Cheif, but if no Person be so appointed, you are then to follow the orders of your Superior officer Ensign Dixon, who goes on the Rise[ing] Sun Smack, to the same Port.

You are required to take all imaginable care, of the Amunition, and Provisions put on board (of which you have a List here delivered you) and keep an account of the Expence of the Latter dureing your Passage, and on your arrivall deliver the same to the order of such, who shall Comand in Cheif upon the wreck, and whereas the Yatch and ffly, are vessells too small to goe about Zeilone, 'tis thought requisite, that you goe between the Island and the Main, for which wee have endeavoured to gett a Pilot here, but could not meet with any one that would undertake it, so have ordered the Master of the Yatch, to stop at ffort St. David whither have wrote the Govr. to provide one, against your arrivall, so hope you'l make no manner of stay there, When here deliver you a Letter for the Cheif Minister, Peddee Meercawn, who Comands the Country, where the Place is that you must pass, I have assured him you have no manner of Merchandize and desire his assistance to expedate your Voyage, and also give you Letters from his Servants here, to that purposer, which you are to deliver. The Master is to Touch at Tutacarreen, where in all probabillity you'l meet with advices from Mr. Brabourne, which you are to observe and act accordingly.

Tis necessary that you be very carefull, to prevent any misfortune, that may happen from your Powder, on board, and that you use all imaginable means to preserve the health of your Men, Dated In ffort St. George the pmo. Decr. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 85.

TO THOMAS CHAPMAN
MASTER OF THE MADDAPOLLAM YATCH.

Wee haveing Laden Considerable Stores of Provisions and Amunition on board the Vessell of which you are Master, the particulars of which we here deliver you, so order upon receipt of this, to repair on board your Yatch, when receive Ensign Hugonin and Sixteen Soldiers, who as soon as on board, you are to weigh your Anchor, and bend your Course for the speedyest attaining Mannacorree near Cape Comorine, and in your way call at ffort St. David, where will be sent on board you, a Pylot to carry you between Ceilone and the Main, there being none procureable here, You are allso required, to take hence with you under your care, the small vessell called the Fly on which there is four Soldiers and stores a List of which is now delivered you, as also what is on board the Yatch,

which you must see is not Embezled nor spoilt, and in your Passage to the wreck, you must deliver out of your Hold, what Provisions Ensign Hugonin shall demand of which you yourself as well as him, are to keep an exact account of the expence thereof, and for what shall remain, as also Amunition, and Stores, you are to deliver to John Brabourne Esqr. or whoever elce Comands in Cheif at the wreck, whose orders you are to follow in every particular, not only in going any where, with your Vessell, but send ashore when ordered, your Guns, Powder, Ropes, blocks, or any thing elce that is in your Possession.

Wee here deliver you a bagg containing five hundred Pagodas, wch. you are likewise to deliver to John Brabourne Esqr. or his order, and if there shall be a necessity for any expence in the way to the wreck, wee permitt you to open it, but render an acco^t^. of what so expend, to M^r^. Brabourn, or order, and so likewise to us at your return.

You must avoid speakeing with any vessell at Sea not knowing, but that the small ffrench Ship may Cruse of Cape Comorine, you are also ordered to touch at Tutacarreen, where if you meet with any orders from M^r^. Brabourne, or he that Comands at the wreck, you are to follow them and act accordingly.

Tis of great importance to the Companys Interest, that you arrive at Mannaccoree as soon as possible for that this month, and the next, are the propere seasons of the Year, to save what can be expected of the wreck, therefore wee earnestly press you, to use your utmost endeavours for your speedy arrivall there, You are to take all imaginable care, that no misfortune attends you by y^e^. Powder on board you, not permitting any one to goe into the Hold, without first secureing the Candle in a good Lanthorne, Wee wish you a good voyage, and successfull in your undertakeing, Dated in ffort S^t^. George this primo December 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^M^. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

No. 86.

To M^R^. CHARLES HOPKINS
MASTER OF THE HUGLYANA KETCH.

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Vessell, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather permitting, weigh your anchor and sett sail, and make the best of your way, for your speedy attaining the Port of ffort S^t^. David, where when arrived send our Packet herewith delivered you ashore, as directed to the Deputy Govr. and Council there, whose orders you are to follow for your future disposall, Wee have Loaded aboard you a Considerable quantity of Treasure, which you must keep always boy'd on board, and take care you speak with no Ship or Vessell if you can possible avoid it, Wee have ordered you into the River there to fitt and sheath yor. Vessell, so that on your arrivall gett your self in a readiness, to goe over that barr, Wee wish you a good Voyage and date these in Fort S^t^. George p^mo^. Decr. 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^M^. FRASER.
THOM. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

No. 87.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^{R}.

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

Wee are dispatching Vessells to the Neptunes wreck, and the Yatch and ffly being [so] small that they must goe between Zeilone and the main, and there being two Passages, one better then the other, for which wee want a Pylott, and hearing he is to be procured at your Place of Cuddaloor I desire you to do it as soon as this Letter comes to your hands, and put him on board the Yatch as soon as ever comes into your road, which hope will be to morrow evening. I am

S^{r}.

Your most humble Servt.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 2^{D}. DEC^{R}. 1704. THOMAS PITT.

No. 88.

To JOHN BRABOURNE ESQ^{R}. FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 30TH NOV^{R}. 1704.

COMODORE &C^{A}. COUNCIL

FOR THE UNITED AFFAIRS AT ANJENGO.

S^{RS}.

Our last to you was the 24th. and 25th. past month, copy of which comes Inclosed, since which have rec̃d none from you.

The Smack Riseing Sun arrived not here from Bengall till the 23^{d}. Instant, and the Maddapollam Yatch and ffly arrived not here till the 25th. all came Loaden which took up some time to Land, and fitt the Vessells for this Expedition, for all stores here were ready some time since.

Wee send you Fifty men upon the three vessells as ℘ List Inclosed, who are commanded by Patrick Dixon and Francis Hugonin, who are made Ensigns *pro hac vice*, directed in their Com̃issions to follow your orders, or such as you shall appoint to Com̃and in Cheif at the wreck. They are very good officers and doubt not, but if you come to action, that they will answer the end for which they were sent.

Wee here likewise Inclose to you a Copy of the Gov^{rs}. Commissions to the Officers, and a List of all Am̃unition and Stores on board the severall Vessells, as also a copy of the Masters Dispatch's, with an Inventory of each vessells stores that so you may know where to send for every thing. Wee have also sent you 1500 Pagodas to defray what necessary charges shall attend this Affair, not questioning but you will husband all to the best advantage, and use your utmost endeavours in what wee heartily wish, in saveing the Treasure, for otherways this great expence will be a considerable addition to that heavy Loss, and in hopes of being successfull, wee must not omitt in giveing orders, how to secure what may be found of the wreck Wee doubt not but long since you have heard of the ffrench Ship thats arrived at Callicutt, who left this Coast the beginning of October, who took off Ceylone a Ketch belonging to this Port George W[e]oly Master, which Ship wee are Credibly informed is to return again to Pollicherry, so that you must be cautious when to order the return of these Vessells, more particularly that that is to come about Ceylone, Therefore wee think 'twill not be amiss, you keep the Smack with you, till wee advise the sending of her, upon which wee would have you send us the Treasure you save, unless a Ship of better force should present bound to this Port, to strengthen which you may send the Soldiers on board of her, Till the vessells arrive with you, wee have ordered the two Ensigns, to take great care of the Provisions and Amunition, to see nothing be embezled, and keep an account of the Expence of the former.

When the time is over that there is nothing more to be done upon the Wreck, wee do desire and enjoyn you to return us every man, for wee can spare none of them from this Garrison, but for any thing of the stores if you have

occasion you may detain them, and wee shall charge you with them, and if the ffly can be of any service to the Company, you may keep her.

Wee have advanced the Masters and Lascars, three months pay, and to the Ensigns & Soldiers two months, the Particulars of which as ℘ Paymasters List Inclosed.

3D. DECEMBER.

SRS.

After writeing the foregoing wee recd yesterday yours of the 9th. of Novr. to which there is little to answer, only that wee are sorry to hear of the Distractions, amongst the English at Surat, as also for the Misfortune of the Westmerland, who is said to have a great quantity of Europe Cloth on board her, and wee thank you for the good news, you write us of the Portuguez Expedition, so by all Probabillity, wee are likely to succeed there.

Wee dispatcht your Peons hence in Octobr. who wee fear were tedious in their Passage to you by reason of the Excessive great rains, Wee hope these Vessells will sail to day, and few days will send you copys overland, of all what wee now write, when shall give full answer to your Letter. Wee are

Srs.

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

P.S.

If Mr. Brabourne is not at the wreck, wee desire you to forward this Packet to him after perusall, or a Copy.

LIST OF THE PACKETT.

1. Fort St. George Generall to Anjengo, dated 30th. 9br. & 3d. 10br. 1704.
2. Copy of Dos. dated 24th. and 25th. October 1704.
3. Copy of the Govrs. Comission to Ensign Dixon.
4. Copy of Dos. to Ensign Hugonin.
5. Copy of the Riseing Sun Smacks Dispatch.
6. Copy of the Maddapollam Yatch's Dispatch.
7. List of stores and Provissions on board the Vessells,
8. Paymasters List of Men sent.
9. Invoice of 1000 Pags. on board the Riseing Sun Smack.
10. Bill of Loading for Ditto.
11. Invoice of 500 Pagodas on board the Maddapollam Yatch.
12. Bill of Loading for Ditto.
13. Mr. Woolmer Surgeons Obligation.

No. 89.

TO THE WORPLL. JOHN BRABOURNE ESQR.,
COMODORE &CA. COUNCIL AT ANJENGO.

SRS.

Our last to you was dated 30th. Novr. and 3d. Instant, by the Riseing Sun, and Maddapollam Yatch, which wee hope had a quick passage to you, Wee here send Copyes of what then wrote you, and hope those Vessells will answer the end and Charge for which they are sent.

Here is a report that the Nabob, who lyes incampt about 3 or 4 days March from hence, is drawing down to St. Thoma, which makes us apprehensive of some troubles, therefore pray return us the Men, as soon as you conveniently can, and that you see that nothing more of value can be gott from the wreck.

The news of Surat is variously reported some say tis all accom̃odated, and others quite contrary, for wee have had no Letters thence, nor from Bombay, since the 13th of September.

Thomas Chapman Master of the Yatch through great carelessness, carried away in the Vessell belonging to the New Company 65 slabbs of Lead, which if a Com̃odity with you, wee desire you would dispose of it, and remitt us the Produce by Bill or other ways, that so wee may bring it to the New Companys acco^t^. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds

FORT ST. GEORGE 16TH. DECR. 1704

THOMAS PITT.
WM. FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

LIST OF THE PACKETT.

No 1 Fort St. George Generall to Anjengo dated 16th. Decr. 1704.
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7 Invoice of Meddicines sent on the Vessells.
8 Storekeepers List of Stores &c.a on board the Vessells.
9 Stewards List of Provisions.

No. 90.

TO THE HONOBLE. DIRECK COM̃ANS
COUNCILLOUR IN ORDINARY OF INDIA,
DIRECTORE OF THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL
AND GOVERNOUR OF NEGAPATAM,
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE.
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Wee rec̃d the Honor. of yours of the 20th. Instant S. N. with the Inclosed papers containing the News from the Mallabar Coast of the arrivall of four ffrench Ships, which was confirmed to us from our ffactorys at Callicut and Anjengo, and thô they give out the four Ships are sailed for Pollicherry, wee have reason to think they will fetch the streights of Mallacca if possible, or lurk about the Nicombar Islands, for our China Ships, which God protect, Wee never heard any thing of the arrivall of French Ships in Bengall, and much wonder at that Report, if any news of importance comes to our knowledge, wee shall be sure to dispatch it to you with all speed, wee earnestly desire that if any of our Shipping calls at your Port, that you will give them your best advice how to escape falling into the hands of our Enemys, Wee wish your Honor. &ca. all health and Prosperity and are

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Your faithfulll ffreinds
and humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE 22D. DECR. 1704

THOMAS PITT.
WILLM. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOM. FREDERICK.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

No. 91.

To Gabriel Roberts Esqr.,
Deputy Govr. &c^{a}. Council
for the United Affairs at ffort St. David.

S^{rs}.

Wee rec̃d yours of the 8th. Instant, & since one without Date, by the next Conveyance wee'l send you, some fine broad Cloth and what elce wee have fitting for Presents, as for the Nabob he was lately at Conjeveron, and is returned again to Arcott, if he Marches thence your way, wee shall be sure to give you necessary advices relateing to that Affair.

What wee sent you of Packing Stuff was good part of that we rec̃d lately from Bengall, and as soon as more comes wee'l send you a further supply.

Pray give Hopkins a strict charge to see that the Ketch is extraordinary well fitted, and lett there be done all thats im̃aginable to Contribute to her well sailing.

Wee have few horses here that belong to the United Trade, that are fitt for state horses, or your occasions, so you must have patience till some arrive, from Persia.

Wee are gladd you gott so able a Pilott for the Vessells bound to the Neptunes wreck.

Wee have perused the List of stores you say is necessary to be bought for the United Trade, wch. wee approve of, for the amo^{t}. of which you must draw Bills on us, for that it must be paid with ready mony, two of the Grind stones with their winches pray send hither by the first opportunity, Wee rec̃d the Dutch news from the Mallabar Coast, Translate of which is here Inclosed, by all Letters 'tis agreed the four french Ships sailed from Callicut the 20th. November our Style, which makes us apprehensive, that they are gone to the Streights of Mallacca, or will endeavour to come upon this Coast, to Interupt our Bengall Shipping which God protect.

You Surprize us in writeing that you are already Indebted to your Merchants for what is Embaled, tho' not long agoe you wrote that you had but 189 Bales, so pray in your next lett us know, w^{t}. is embaled and to what amount, Wee shall send you a further Supply as wee can procure mony, wch. is so difficult at this time, that the like has not been known. Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

Fort S^{t}. George, 22^{d}. Decr. 1704.

Thomas Pitt.
W^{m}. Fraser.
Tho. Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Robt. Raworth.

Inclosed comes List of what freight Goods sent on the Huglyana Ketch for your Port, Williamson one of your Gunroome Crew desireing to be discharged, pray do you permitt him.

No. 92.

To Cap^{tn}. Hugh Raymond
Com̃ander of Ship Dutchess.

S^{r}.

Wee rec̃d. your Letter of the 21st. Instant wherein you desire our advice how to act for the Security of your Ship and Cargoe, in case that the four ffrench Ships that wee lately heard were arrived at Callicut on the Mallabar Coast, and designed from thence to Pollicherry on this, who in all probabillity will Endeavour

to fall in to the N.° ward, and may chance to come thrô this road, when Ships that lye Att the great distance yours does, at this time, will be in no small Danger, Tis therefore our opinion and advise, that you bring your Ship in as near as Conveniently can (not doubting but that you have very good Anchors and Cables) that so wee may in some measure be able to Succour you by the cannon of this Garrison. We are

S[r].

Your Assured ffreinds
and humble Servants

FORT S[T]. GEORGE 27TH. X[BR]. 1704

THOMAS PITT.
WILL[M]. FRASER.
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